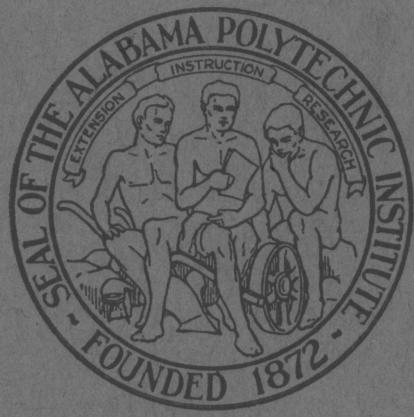


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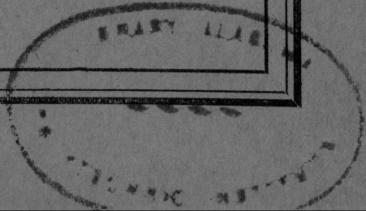
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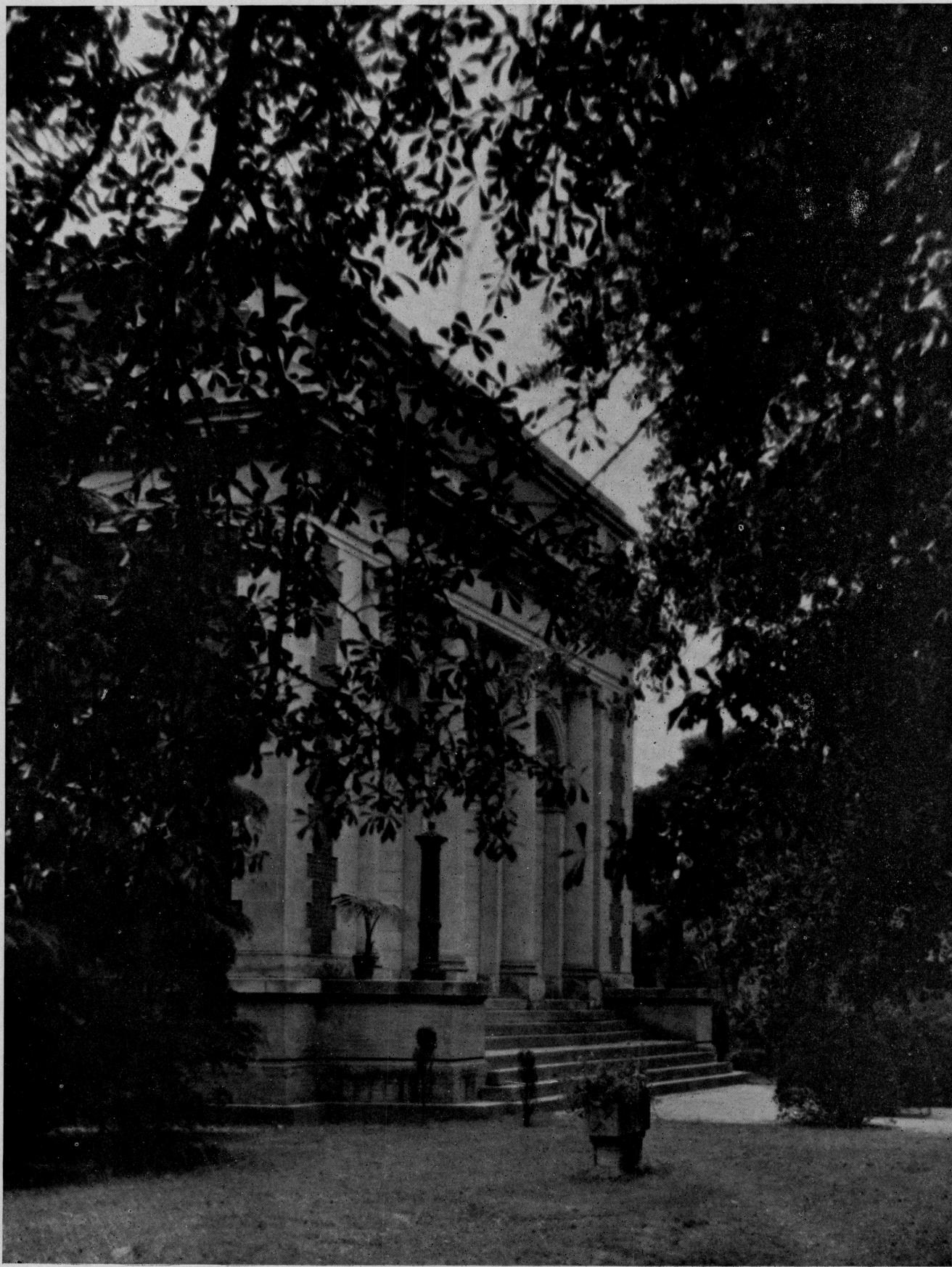
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CROWAN COTTAGE
ANNISTON, ALA.

September 7, 1928.

Auburn Alumni Association.

Gentlemen:

At the last annual meeting of the Association the question of the status of the Alumni Scholarship Fund was raised. The President was instructed to make every effort to collect all monies due the Fund. With this object in view, a Committee consisting of Thomas Bragg, Chairman, Charles F. DeBardleben, and Roger ap C. Jones, members, was appointed to undertake this task. A check of this Fund shows there is today \$10,838.32, including interest, due the Association from former beneficiaries. These loans extend over a period of more than twenty years. The time has now come to collect monies due the Association in order that others may receive the same benefit as was enjoyed by those now indebted to the Fund.

This Fund was established as a Trust Fund by the Alumni to aid worthy students who are unable to pay their way through college. The amounts owing the Alumni Fund by the various beneficiaries should be paid as soon after leaving college as possible. A loan should be looked upon by a beneficiary as a sacred obligation, and met accordingly.

The Association has made arrangement for the publication of not less than nine issues of the Alumnus. This will be sent to every person eligible for membership in the Alumni Association. It is requested that all who receive the bulletin send to the Executive Secretary at Auburn on the blank form printed in the Alumnus information in regard to themselves; this for the purpose of establishing a complete file of old Auburn men.

It is also the policy of the present administration to continue the organization of Chapters in every County and city where there are sufficient number of alumni to make such action possible. By so doing, it is hoped to enroll at least eighty per cent of old Auburn men in the Association.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association will meet monthly at Auburn. The transactions will be published in the Alumnus. The Constitution is being rewritten and will be published prior to the next annual meeting, at which time it will come up for adoption.

No Association can run without funds. The only source of income is from the annual dues of the members of the Association. It is urged that all who are eligible for membership send their annual dues to Mr. J. V. Brown, Executive Secretary, at Auburn, at as early date as possible, as the Association is in urgent need of money to carry on.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ROBT. E. NOBLE, President,
Auburn Alumni Association.

President Knapp Forecasts Great Program For Auburn's Development

In Light of Origin, Traditions and Purpose of the College, Our New President Outlines Ambitious Future for Auburn.

INSTITUTIONS are so much like individuals. They have life; they are born; they grow; they accumulate experience; they have character. Our minds grasp a composite picture of the institutions which we know somewhat similar to the picture we entertain of our friends or those whom we may know and with whom we may associate.

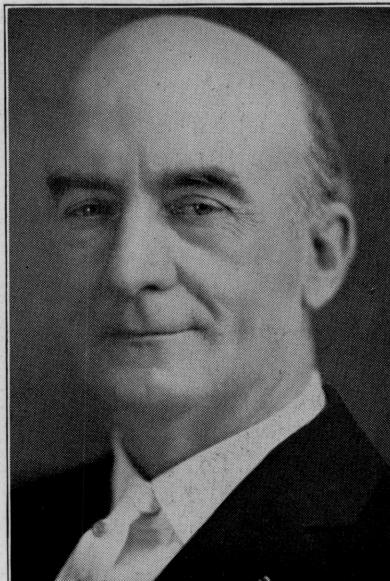
The Alabama Polytechnic Institute has these characteristics. It has its life, its growth, its character. Through the long years of the past these things have been constructed out of the lives and services of its presidents, its Board of Trustees, its faculty, Alumni and students. What it is today is largely the vision of its thinkers and guiding spirits, the services of those who have served it, the lives and services of its former students and the lives of its student body.

Auburn came into being as a part of a great national movement for a type of education which would, without neglecting the cultural and character building subjects in education, fit men for useful and practical service in all the sciences relating to agriculture and engineering. Let me quote the Morrill Act which gave rise to these institutions in all of the forty-eight states. The act provides for the endowment and erection of at least one institution in each state "where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts—in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life." I quote these words which constitute a part of the real character of these institutions because many people fail to appreciate that these institutions were intended to be broad in their scope and to give well rounded education. By mechanic arts I think I need not explain that the authors of the act intended to cover all branches of engineering. I like also the fact that they intended to add,

By BRADFORD KNAPP, President
Alabama Polytechnic Institute

the study of the sciences relating to these practical subjects to the then existing forms of education, namely the classics, history, languages, philosophy, etc.

Thus Auburn had its beginning in the desire of the people of this sec-



DR. BRADFORD KNAPP

tion, this immediate section of the state, and later all Alabama, for higher education and added to that such an education as would prepare the youth for something besides the so-called learned professions. How well the institution has done its work I need not stop to inquire here. Her graduates today occupy places of honor and responsibility in all fields of agriculture, chemistry, engineering, education, government and statesmanship. They have written the name of this institution in the records of state and nation. The younger generation of her sons in increasing numbers are pressing forward toward the same goal. All have been a part of Auburn. None may escape that responsibility of either adding to or taking from the laurels of the Alma Mater.

Auburn's Expansion

BUT NOW WHAT? A new program arises. A great state wisely provides the funds for new growth. New buildings are to be erected within the next few years, a new campus plan developed, new impetus given to older activities, new lines of work to be taken up and enlarged possibilities realized. I am deeply impressed with these possibilities. Here in the great Southeastern section are potentialities as yet undreamed; power of production in new lines in agriculture; power to develop sources of raw material; power to create power necessary for industries; power to develop skill of hand, intelligence of brain, scientific knowledge, creative ability. These must sound in education well directed toward these objectives and a spirit of adventurous inquiry or research which may add to our knowledge and ability to meet the problems as they come and overcome every obstacle.

And, hence, a great chemistry building must be built on the A. P. I. campus, a larger and better auditorium, administration offices and classrooms, laboratories and shops, a textile building, recreation grounds, and those accessories which go with a modern educational plant. All of them must be planned to meet the needs for work and yet appealing to the eye in beauty and stateliness.

In engineering as well as in agriculture, I see a great work. Our place in the engineering field is well assured by the places held by our graduates. Now we must turn to the creative work which not only trains the men but helps make the new discoveries and the new knowledge accessible to the state and the area in its days of development. Some man recently said that too much emphasis had been given to agriculture and it was said in Alabama. Such a statement was and is a lamentable commentary on real vision. We have much of advantage to agriculture in this area to discover and much of real development to anticipate. Our laboratories have been improved and the new laws of Alabama will give

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Auburn's Expansion to Amount of \$750,000

President Knapp Sees Eight Major Projects in Auburn's Enlargement~
Other Needs of the College Stressed~

THE BUILDING program at Auburn is a matter of interest to every friend of the institution, to its thousands of alumni and former students, and to those of the state who are expecting it to render greater service to Alabama. The legislature has provided \$750,000, payable to the institution at the rate of \$250,000.00 per year for three years, beginning October 1, 1928. With this money the college must purchase certain lands within the campus so sorely needed for development; must erect a chemistry laboratory building which, with its elaborate equipment, will cost not less than \$250,000.00; must build a new auditorium and should at the same time provide in that building for officials of administration, more particularly for the care in such a fire-proof building of the precious records of the institution; must build and equip a textile engineering building and laboratories; must build and equip one additional laboratory building at least for agriculture, additional shops for engineering and barns and other buildings for the college farm.

One of the very greatest needs of Auburn is dormitories. Well located, well constructed, modern dormitories would add greatly to student life and comfort at Auburn. The present housing facilities provide for less than fifty girls and about one hundred boys. What we need is dormitory space for five hundred boys.

This need is pressing because of the lack of dwelling houses in Auburn and suitable rooms for students. New fraternity houses are a great help but they do not present the final answer. Dormitories must be

an item to attract friends of the institution or may be built from state appropriations whenever sufficient funds are available.

I doubt whether all of the partial program outlined above can be taken

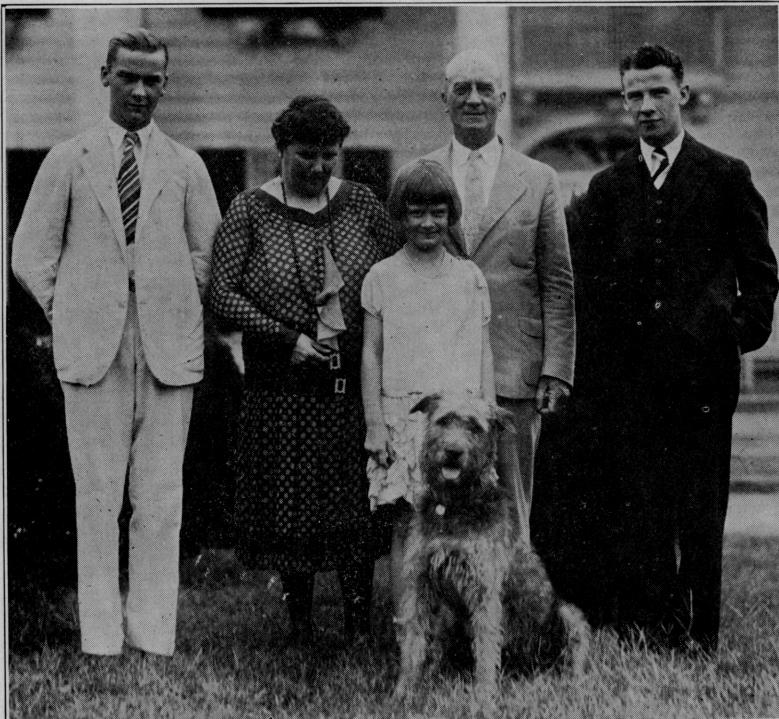
so that we may hold at least half of all the games played at Auburn. I am quite sure that a stadium, seating ten thousand people with track and other equipment necessary for the field, can be built for \$75,000.00 to

\$85,000.00 and that such a construction could be made on a plan which ultimately could be enlarged to more than twice that seating capacity by simply adding to the seats built as time and development of the institution made such a demand necessary. Seats can be constructed for approximately from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per seat.

2. A Field House or enlarged gymnasium for the purpose of holding the indoor, winter sports such as basketball, indoor track meets, wrestling meets, etc. Such a structure would greatly relieve the present inadequate gymnasium facilities. I am not undertaking to say that such a building ought not to be built, in part at least, from state funds, but it does not seem feasible to spend any of the present funds appropriated by the state for this purpose. Such a building would cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.00.

3. A Memorial Student Union Building, the cost of which I would estimate at \$200,000.00. Nothing is more definitely needed for the life of the student body at this institution than a Student Union Building. I should like to call it a Memorial Building and dedicate it especially to the heroes of this institution who served their country in the great World War. It should be a thing of beauty and have social rooms, a small auditorium, committee rooms for student committee meetings, offices for student organizations such

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PRESIDENT KNAPP AND FAMILY

Auburn's new President and family snapped on the lawn of the "Mansion." Left to right is Roger, a freshman at Emory University; Mrs. Knapp; Dr. Knapp, and DeWitt, a member of the sophomore class here at Auburn. Virginia, affectionately known about the campus as "Tiny," is standing in front with her Airedale, "Bob."

care of out of the funds available. I am hoping some friends of the institution may be interested in certain features of this program. But there are a lot of other things which the institution needs, and needs very badly, which generally are not built by the funds of a state but are constructed by the use of funds obtained from other sources and particularly from the gifts of those who are interested in the progress of the institution. I feel that it would be helpful for the friends of the institution to have a catalog of these needs set down here for consideration. I am not going to attempt to name these needs necessarily in the order in which they ought to be considered but here they are:

1. A Stadium and Athletic Field



Monsieur Mathieu shown above leading a small orchestra. Orchestras were always small in pioneer days, never over three or four musicians. "Fiddles" were the favorite and usually the only instruments.

Indian War Dance staged by Creek Indians at Columbus in 1852 to the consternation of both actors and audience. Sol Smith, the versatile actor-musician, is shown at the left.

Pioneer Days of the Theater in Alabama

Professor Rutland Tells Interesting Story of Sol Smith and Troupe of Actors Who Played in Alabama During 'Backwoods Days'

THEATERS in these days are for cities, not for the rural districts or the villages. In fact, the theater creates a part of that glamour of the city which catches the imagination of the country youth. But it has not always been so. The pioneers of Alabama and Georgia enjoyed theatrical advantages which far surpass those now available for isolated communities. Florence, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Selma, and other small towns enjoyed in the thirties and forties better stage performances than they have since the disappearance of the early strolling companies of players.

Sol Smith, the subject of our sketch today, came to Montgomery in 1830 and, opening on January 25, played for two weeks in a new theater, then hardly finished, on Washington Street. His first play, *The Soldier's Daughter*, was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience. Mrs. Smith, who sang,

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Head Professor of English

was long remembered for her rendition of *Home, Sweet Home* (1823), then a comparatively new song. Among the notable performances were two in which Madame Feron, a famous European singer of the day, appeared. She had been detained in Montgomery for two days, waiting for a boat going to Mobile. Her place in the two musical farces, *No Song, No Supper* and *Of Age Tomorrow*, was improvised and her accompanist was the versatile Smith, who assisted her first with the violin and then with the piano. He recalled with satisfaction in later years the oddity of the situation and the glorious music "by the great prima donna of European drama, in a theater surrounded by uncut trees, and occupied by an audience whose appreciation was as warm as that of the dilettanti of

Italy". Perhaps she was fortunate in her accompanist, as the theatrical orchestra of the day consisted of only a fiddle or two, a clarinet, and a bass drum. Our manager considered his whole visit to Montgomery very successful and fortunate, as he took in at the door about nine hundred dollars and won many friends, like John Thorington and George Whitman, whom he ever after gratefully remembered.

Perhaps I should say that this was not the first time Montgomery had seen stage performances, though it was still an infant town. The local Thespian Society had had an organization since 1822, having produced on December 17 of that year Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. Among the members of the cast were Benjamin Fitzpatrick, later Governor of the state, as Julius himself; G. W. B. Towns, later Governor of Georgia, as Octavius; Henry Goldthwaite, later

justice of the Supreme Court, as Mark Antony; and John Edmonson as Lepidus.

Of course St. Stephens, during the palmy days before 1819, is reported variously to have had from two to five theaters, but it was easily accessible from old Mobile where plays had long been a familiar entertainment. Huntsville had, many years before Smith's first visit in 1829, occasional visits from dramatic troupes.

SOL SMITH'S first venture into Alabama was in the summer of 1829, as I have just said, when he spent a week or more in both Florence and Tuscaloosa and then a month in Huntsville. Here he was fortunate enough to find for his eighteen performances a beautiful new theater. However, with the competition of faro-banks in the day time, protracted meetings at night and of preachers threatening theater-goers with hell fire, he was happy to come off without a deficit. Taking a fling at religious fanaticism, he gleefully records in his autobiography the name of a woman who hanged herself in a paroxysm of religious ecstasy. Being jealous of the good name of his art and well blessed with a sense of humor, he also records the fact that a country gentleman at Huntsville, standing up in the midst of the most affecting scene of *The Gambler's Fate*, urged, despite hisses and jeers, that a collection be taken forthwith for the destitute Mrs. Germaine and her children, and suiting action to words, threw a purse upon the stage, saying, "There, good woman, spend that for food and clothes before your husband loses it at a faro-bank."

From Huntsville these strolling players in large road wagons proceeded to Tuscaloosa, where they remained for four months, from September, 1829, to January 8, 1830, because the legislature was in session. State capitals were apparently very alluring to playing companies during legislative sessions. Even then senators believed in "the freedom of the sees." In spite of the hard work, I suppose, legislators can easily fall into the holiday spirit. Some of them being college men, well read in English and classical literature, indulged not only a penchant for pleasure but also a taste for humor, art, and literature; and, though many plays were mere trash, the repertoire of such a theatrical troupe was quite as good as art as the bills their successors now offer to tired senators.

Anyway Sol Smith was a wag who liked to hobnob with lawmakers and other men of importance. But it is hard to see how he found that profit-

able for four months. Be that as it may, the most exciting incident of this visit to Tuscaloosa was a fire in the theater, which called forth a spurt of ingenuity quite characteristic of our manager's genius. In those days, when play-going was for many an exciting flirtation with the devil, no one relished the idea of gambling with death in a flimsy, framed theater. On this occasion, the last scene of *Don Juan or the Libertine Destroyed* was proceeding. Note the moral appeal in the sub-title of this popular pantomime. Fiends shrieked, snakes squirmed, and fearful blue, red and yellow flames spewed and spurted. Soon after the curtain went up, one of the brimstone pots flaring a bit too realistically set a wood wing on fire. Screams of "Fire! Fire!" were followed by a mad

poster showing the committee's findings, put them all over the village, and *Don Juan* had a long and profitable run.

From Tuscaloosa, his company went to Montgomery at the urgent request of prominent citizens, as I have already said. On their way to Mobile, they gave nine performances in Selma, then a little village of four hundred inhabitants, seventy of whom, according to Manager Smith, came to the play on every one of the nine nights.

Next summer (1831) Smith's itinerary again included Florence, Huntsville, where revivals and faro-banks were still in action, and Tuscaloosa, where the legislature was again in session. This time he staid only three months, but he played another trick on his legislative friends. On January 14, 1832, the day before sailing for Mobile, Smith had planned a benefit performance for himself in *The Hypocrite* in which he took the character, Mawworm. Unexpectedly, it was revealed, the House had asked the Senate for a joint-session for the election of state bank directors. People would of course go to see the election, and not the play. So Smith went to the Capitol and began a canvass of the senators with whom he was intimate, asking each as a personal favor to vote against acceding to the House request. He secured thirteen promises out of twenty-five members, each of whom thought up to the taking of the vote that he would be the only dissentient, and legislative chambers emptied their contents into Sol's theater giving him a rousing benefit.

After playing two months in Mobile, his first engagement there, he proceeded again to Montgomery and made brief calls in both Selma and Cahaba.

How could a company of well-trained actors, you ask, take in expenses in the backwoods? Most of the people were poorly educated and the churches usually damned play-houses and actors with more than faint praise. Yet the little village of Montgomery had given Ludlow and his company a successful engagement five years before Smith's first visit. However the frontier was not devoid of culture. In every small governmental center there were lawyers, editors and merchants who had been to college, had read a good deal, and had traveled. Editors reviewed the plays and defended the theater against puritan stricture, praising it as both moral and cultural. Their comment reached not only the villagers but many planters beyond the town limits. In spite of fanatics, they often aroused town

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J. R. RUTLAND, '00
Head Professor of English

scramble of the spectators for the doors. The curtain was lowered and the fire extinguished, but not before one spectator burst through the curtain and stepped into a brimstone pot, burning himself painfully.

HEARING that the tide of public condemnation, started by bigots critical of stage performance in Christian communities, would swamp his business, Smith decided to convince the public through a committee of reputable citizens that there was only an imitation fire. The scene painter reproduced the wing in a day's time, Smith circulated round town denying rumors, and, in short,—unless his vanity misrepresents the case—he satisfied everyone, even the man who was burned, that what had been seen was only an extraordinary realistic imitation. A born advertiser and humorist with something of a Barnum's mental bent, he issued a

Five Hundred-Fifty New Men Orientated During Freshman Week

President Knapp and Deans Instruct the New Class Concerning Ways of College Life.

THE THIRD annual Freshman Week, which closed here Tuesday, September 11, was by far the most successful in Auburn's history.

Approximately 550 freshmen registered during the Freshman Week, September 6-13, a preliminary course conducted each year at Auburn to acquaint the first year men with the many phases of college life. One part of the assignment was the taking of placement tests in English and Algebra. Later psychological tests were given freshmen, the results of which together with the other test scores will be used by the instructors as an aid in ascertaining the intellectual ability of the student.

At the close of registration, Prof. B. L. Shi, registrar, announced that enrollment exceeded any former enrollment on the same date and that many more freshmen are expected to register during the early days of the semester.

After two days of training by President Bradford Knapp and the deans of the college the new students feel and act as though they are a part of Auburn. They have caught the famous "Auburn Spirit" and are started on the road which leads to a college education, equipping them for leadership in the professions, trades and occupations of life.

Addresses by Dr. Bradford Knapp made a profound impression upon the new class. After greeting and welcoming them he has talked to them as a father talks with his sons and daughters. He has impressed

upon them a code of college ethics and emphasized the opportunities ahead for the young men and young women who are trained to take advantage of them. He told them that they are in Auburn to train and equip themselves for a high type of service which only trained men and women of high character can render.

TAKING the new freshman class into his confidence, President Bradford Knapp, Friday morning, September 7, had a real heart to heart talk with the new students at the first session of their Freshman Week exercises. Much fatherly advice was given the new students as Dr. Knapp explained to them how to get the most out of college life, emphasizing the importance of each student going into the business of a college education in a serious manner.

At the conclusion of his talk Dr. Knapp introduced each of the deans of the various divisions of the college, and explained that these men were not "stand-offish guys" but that they were sympathetic advisers and friends to whom the new students could talk confidentially upon any occasion.

Dr. Knapp impressed the freshmen with the fact of his personal interest in each of them and urged that they come to his office and talk to him at any time upon any matters in which he might be of aid to them. Auburn's new President went so far as to invite the freshmen to call upon him at his residence after office hours if there was any matter of im-

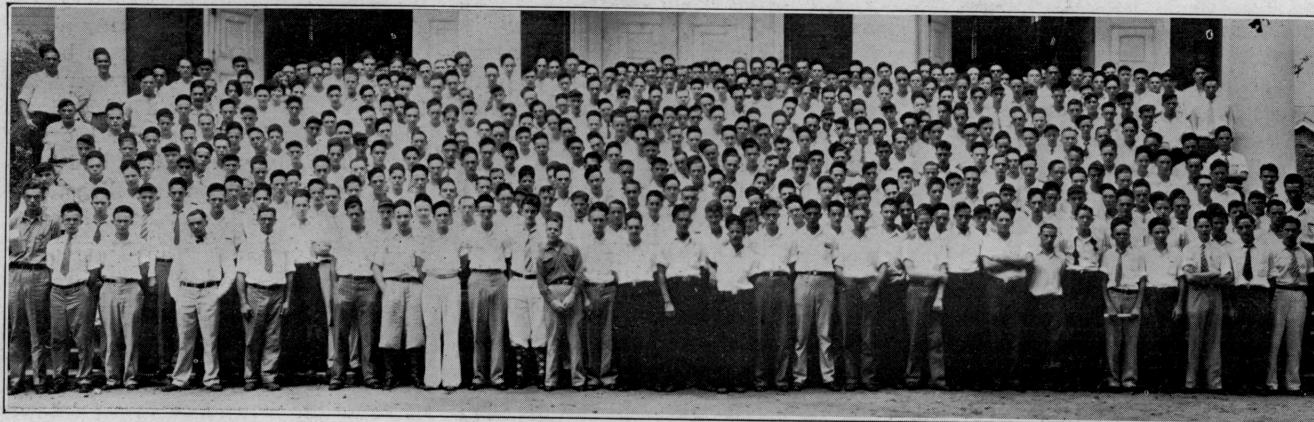
mediate concern where he could help them.

It is Dr. Knapp's belief that a freshman upon coming to college must participate in all college activities, giving a right proportion to each. For instance he pointed out that it will not be the "Book worm" who does nothing but keep his nose in books who will succeed, but it is the student who studies when the time comes and who participates in other college activities in addition.

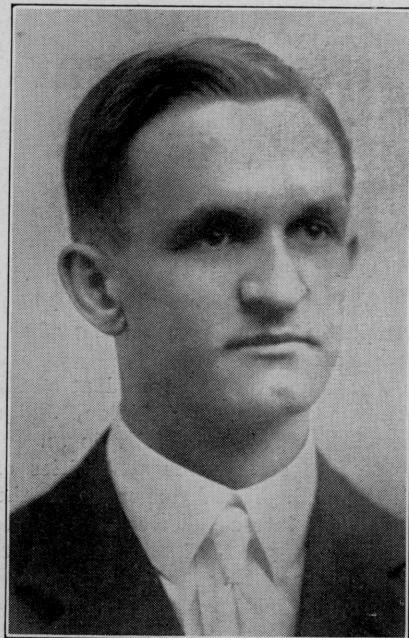
"The world," he said, "is looking for men and women who are trained, who are clean and who are courageous. You are here to train yourself and to establish these habits which will stamp you with promise before you finish your college careers."

Dr. Knapp did not project a set of rules as to conduct but urged his audience to conform to the ideals of the South regarding the proper conduct of ladies and gentlemen. He stressed law observance and reminded that state and national laws apply to college students. He insisted that habits of conforming to laws made people good citizens. Only a brief mention was made of intoxication. He declared that a good college education and bootleg liquor will not mix, adding that "liquor destroys."

Following a discussion of conduct, Dr. Knapp emphasized work while in college. He declared that most college failures are due to loafing and that the loafing habit is one of the more difficult to correct. Regular and faithful attention to studies



PART OF THIS YEAR'S FRESHMAN CLASS ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF LANGDON HALL



DEAN J. W. SCOTT
Chairman of Committee on Freshman Week

was presented as a major essential to student success. To fail here is to fail in college and be untrue to parents who are making sacrifices to give their sons and daughters a college education.

The speaker advised participation in athletics and other college activities.

UNION church service with Dr. Bradford Knapp as speaker was a climax Sunday, September 9, in the exercises introducing the freshman class into the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. The service was conducted in Langdon Hall which was packed for the occasion, resembling commencement sermons in the past. All churches of Auburn suspended their services to take part.

Dr. Knapp selected for his subject the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of Phillipians which reads:

"Finally brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The speaker attributed much of the progress and greatness of America to her religion and declared that any nation that forgets her finer things of life, and genuine religion, is doomed to fall. He interpreted religion in terms of happiness and condemned the long-faced type. He closed with an appeal to the students to follow the road to honor, to seek the truth, and live lives of service.

New Radio Station

By P. O. DAVIS

The new radio station WAPI at Birmingham will be located on a mountain overlooking the village of Sandusky, about seven miles from the center of the business district of Birmingham. Of all the prospective locations considered this one is preferred by radio engineers and also by officials of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, according to announcement made recently by Dr. Bradford Knapp, president.

In deciding upon the location, the type of soil and other factors had to be taken into consideration, elevation being an important factor. The elevation of the site is about 740 feet. It presents an excellent view of a large part of Birmingham. The distance between the location and the residence or business section is said to be adequate for the approval of the Federal Radio Commission at Washington.

The land on which the station will be located is now owned by the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company but is being bought outright by the Extension Service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. The deed will call for 7½ acres of land to provide ample space for ground system and other facilities for the station. The ground system will require an area 400x600 feet.

Before finally selecting this site many other prospective sites were considered. At first it was thought that the station would be located on Shades Mountain but inspection of possible sites revealed that this was not feasible. Consequently other locations were considered, the final result being in favor of that near Sandusky, the location decided upon.

Prominent Alumni Present at Opening

The opening of the fifty-seventh annual session brought to Auburn many prominent alumni of the institution and also visitors and friends who came to see and to accompany sons and daughters. Among those here one or more days during the opening exercises were Dr. J. O. Persons, Montgomery; Hugh Bickerstaff, Columbus; George Foster, Dallas, Texas; W. L. Neil, Birmingham; John D. Martin, Eufaula; Judge Francis W. Hare, Monroeville; Judge A. J. Grubbs, Birmingham; D. D. Gipson, Greenwood, Miss.; William Hardie, Mobile; Bert Arnold, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. George Penton, Montgomery; Arthur Feagin, Montgomery; Jerry Gwin, Birmingham; and R. D. Martin, Ozark.

On this site will be erected a building to house the broadcasting apparatus, and another to provide living quarters for the engineers. Two towers, each 200 feet tall, will be erected to support the antennae system. The specifications require a powerful electric light on top of each tower as a protection and guide for aviators.

Architects are completing the plan for the building and it is expected that contract will be let within a few days. Immediately after the contract is let construction work will start. The contractor will be asked to complete the building erection at the earliest possible date.



PROF. B. L. SHI, Registrar and Executive Secretary
Chairman of Committee on Student Admissions

Samford and DeBardeleben Achieve Great Things for Alumni Association

*Review of Work Accomplished for Association by Two Past Presidents
Reveals Heroic Efforts in Behalf of Auburn*

WILLIAM HODGES SAMFORD was born at Auburn on the 7th day of August, 1866. He comes of a line of original Auburnites. On his father's side, great grandfather Rev. Thomas Samford of Georgia, grandfather Hon. William F. Samford, who moved from Georgia to East Alabama in his early manhood, father William J. Samford of Auburn and Opelika, Confederate soldier, statesman, orator, lawyer, closing his public career as Governor of Alabama. On his mother's side he descended from the Drakes of North Carolina, his grandfather, Dr. John Hodges Drake, moving to Auburn in the early '50s, where he lived for the remainder of his life. Every tradition of Judge Samford's early life is connected in some way with the A. P. I. and Auburn.

He was educated in the private schools of Auburn and Opelika, and received his college education in the A. P. I. under the Presidency of Dr. Wm. Leroy Broun.

After leaving college Judge Samford first engaged in business in Opelika, after which he followed engineering for a number of years, aiding in the location and construction of the Ala. Mid. R. R. Abbeville, So., and was construction engineer in charge of "The Tunnel," on the Chatta. So. Ry., besides which were many engineering projects of minor importance.

In 1894 he was admitted to the bar and immediately began the practice of the law in Troy, Alabama. His success at the bar was immediate and marked and his practice extended over a large part of southeast Alabama. In 1909 he removed to Montgomery and continued the practice of his profession in partnership with Fred S. Ball. During 1913, he was elected General Counsel for the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York, and for four years he held that position, as senior member of the New York firm of Samford, Rapolla and Kennedy, from which he resigned upon being appointed a Judge on the Alabama Court of Ap-

peals, which position he still holds, having been elected by the people in 1918 and 1924, and is now the democratic nominee for the November election of this year.

From his call to the bar he was

red in by the largest meeting of the Association ever held.

For four years, as President of the Auburn Alumni Association, Judge Samford served faithfully in an endeavor to sustain the authorities of the college and to organize the alumni into a cohesive virile force for the good of the institution. The growth of the Association from 168 active members in 1924 to 1,000 in 1928 and the enthusiastic and harmonious meeting in June, 1928, at which Judge Samford turned over the affairs to his successor is but an evidence of the work he accomplished as President.

Charlie DeBardeleben A Real Auburn Man

AUBURN HAS the love and affection of hundreds of men who proudly claim her as their Alma Mater, but it is doubtful if any in that great company has given her more loyal devotion and more continued interest than Charles F. DeBardeleben, a member of her first class in Electric Engineering. "Charlie DeBardeleben," as he is affectionately known to Auburn men, has been almost continually in harness for many years in the activities of the Alumni, having served for a term as president of the Jefferson County Association and for two terms as president of the State Alumni Association. At perhaps the turning point in the history of the college, he was called to a place of leadership and how well he met the emergency is reflected in the bright future that is even now making glad the hearts of all who love the institution. When it became apparent that Auburn must have immediate financial help or fall behind her position of leadership among similar institutions, and that such help could not at that time be expected from the state, her friends determined upon what was then a new and novel experiment. They decided to go to the Alumni and the people with an appeal for a million dollars. It was realized that if this "Greater Auburn" cam-



JUDGE WILLIAM H. SAMFORD
Alumni President 1924-'28

active in public affairs taking part in party campaigns. He was elected city attorney of Troy, solicitor for Pike county, elector for the state at large and president of the Electoral College in 1924.

He is a steward in the M. E. Church, South, and has been continuously since 1892, and has for the past seven years been the teacher of the Wesley Bible Class of Court Street M. E. Church, South, at Montgomery.

His love and loyalty for Auburn have always been unquestioned and in 1924, when much unrest existed among the alumni he was unanimously chosen as President of the Auburn Alumni Association—and re-elected each successive year until 1928, when he declined to serve further and nominated as his successor General Robert E. Noble, which nomination was enthusiastically concur-

paign was to be successful, it must have back of it all the faith and courage, all the self-sacrifice and labor, all the patience and persistence, that could be evoked from every alumnus and friend. Leadership of the best quality of head and heart was absolutely essential and a flaming spirit was needed to animate the minds and hearts of all who pledged themselves to the great effort. It has been said that in every great emergency in human affairs there is always a man somewhere who can meet the occasion if he can but be found. Auburn's friends turned to Charles F. DeBardeleben with supreme confidence as the man of the hour. This trust was well founded in the career he has worked out under circumstances that proved the spirit and power of the man.

Until the conclusion of his junior year at Auburn, at the age of seventeen years, Charles F. DeBardeleben had enjoyed all the advantages and opportunities that the large means of a devoted father could afford him, and then suddenly, owing to reverses suffered by that father, he was confronted with the necessity of beginning the battle of life without any resources save a sound mind in a sound body. Then it was that he showed "the mettle of his pasture" for he had come of forbears who had wrought marvellously under similar conditions. Daniel Pratt, his maternal grandfather, will always be known as the founder of the industrial life of Alabama and Henry F. DeBardleben, his father, has been acclaimed "the most picturesque and dramatic character in the coal and iron industry of the South," and "one of the two great Captains of the Old Guard in the history of the Birmingham district, deserving the respect and gratitude of all the generations to come." Young Charlie marched from ease and luxury and scholastic halls to the top of a battery of coke ovens at Bessemer and he has been on top of the job ever since. Learning his business by practical experience in every detail, he soon gained recognition as one of the leaders in the coal and iron industry of the great Birmingham district, and when the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company was organized in 1905, he was made General Manager. In this capacity he developed the Margaret, Acton, Dadeley, AcMar, New Acton, Overton and Russellville mines, starting with no production and bringing the annual output to its present figure of something over a million and a half tons. Later he was promoted to Vice-Pres-

ident and upon the death of the first president, he succeeded to the presidency of the Company, which position he now holds. He is also Chairman of the Board of Charles C. Stewart Machine Company, Director of the DeBardeleben Coal Corporation, Director American-Traders National Bank, and has served as Vice-President of the Alabama Coal Operators Association and member of the Board, and was a member of the Strike Committee of 1920. During



CHARLES F. DEBARDELEBEN
Alumni President 1921-'24

these busy years, he found time to serve the civic and social demands of his city in many capacities, among such services being terms as President of the chamber of Commerce and of the Country Club.

On April 15, 1896, he was married to Miss Margaret Prince, the youngest daughter of Dr. F. M. Prince, of Bessemer, Alabama, and of this happy union three sons have been born, Charles F., Jr., Prince and Walker. The two older sons are married and have three children each, "which," he says proudly, "makes me the happy grandfather of six." His gracious and charming wife makes of his beautiful residence on the top of Red Mountain a real home where love and happiness abound and where friends ever receive a cordial welcome.

The Greater Auburn Campaign brought into play every quality of leadership which had been developed by this busy and successful life. Despite the demands of his large and varied interests, he found time to put into the effort and energy, an

DR. KNAPP ORGANIZES NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

With the announcement of the opening of college the Alabama Polytechnic Institute will create a Bureau of Public Information according to a statement issued by Dr. Bradford Knapp, president. P. O. Davis, formerly extension editor, will be director of the new department and will be assisted by Kirtley Brown recently publicity director.

The new bureau will be not only a news gathering agency but will have direct charge of all college publications. Employing student assistants the new bureau will maintain close contact with the student body. In the corps of assistants there will be included an artist to do the required illustrations, a managing editor and a number of special sports and feature writers to take care of the many phases of the work. A man of experience will assist the editors and business managers of the student publications in an advisory capacity. In turn, members of the student body will report all news to the central office.

It is planned to make the bureau of public information distributing point for the news of the community and the section.

initiative, an inspiration, that kept the movement progressing until it achieved its great purpose of saving the day for Auburn and permitting it to move forward as its past achievements and present potentialities entitle it to do.

Since that time, he has not been content to rest upon his laurels, but has always waived aside any suggestion of praise by giving all the credit of the achievement to his co-laborers and the splendid response of the Alumni and citizenship of the state. He supports the institution by word and act; frequently visiting Auburn, serving with the Alumni whenever called upon, helping every Auburn graduate and student as occasion arises, and singing Auburn's praises with the enthusiasm of a boy. Unswerving in his allegiance, yet strong and fearless in his convictions, his Alma Mater always knows where to place him. When Auburn needs help, there is no question as to where Charlie DeBardeleben will be found. He is present at the danger point and—

"One blast upon his bugle horn,
Is worth a thousand men."

President Knapp Sets Goal for 3,000 Students Within Next Five Years

Auburn Should Have \$200,000 Memorial Student Union Building Says Dr. Knapp

A STUDENT BODY of three thousand at Auburn within five years is foreseen by Doctor Knapp, president, as he revealed this in an address to seniors, juniors, and sophomores assembled in Langdon Hall for their first convocation of the 57th annual session.

"I shall be sorely disappointed," said Doctor Knapp, "if the student body of this institution does not soon increase to more than 2,000. With the co-operation of you students, the alumni of Auburn and friends over the State, the attendance may be increased to 3,000 within the next five years."

The keynote of Doctor Knapp's initial talk to the upper-classmen was an appeal for their cooperation in the development of Auburn and their exertion of a wholesome influence upon the new Auburn students in this year's freshman class. Sustained applause at the close of Doctor Knapp's talk indicated the favorableness with which the new president's message was received by the upperclassmen.

Students will feel free at any time to go to Doctor Knapp's office to consult with him upon any matter they desire. "I want you to come to my office at any time to talk over things that benefit this institution," said Doctor Knapp. Student groups from various classes will be called in by him from time to time, he said, in order that he may receive the benefit of their council regarding student activities at Auburn.

Doctor Knapp strongly urged the students to support Coach Bohler and his athletic program. "We want a winning team," he said, "but my team win or lose. I do not care how badly they are defeated, I will stick with them to the last. But with your cooperation by giving the proper moral support to the training rules laid down by Coach Bohler and his staff, we will not lose. The alumni of Auburn want to win, but along the right lines. I will make the prophecy that we will win if we have your full support."

Auditorium and Student Union Building

One of Auburn's most urgent needs at the present time is an audi-

torium to seat the entire student body. Auburn also needs adequate hospital facilities.

A \$200,000 student union building with adequate office space for all student publications and organizations together with commodious reading rooms and a banquet hall is one of the ultimate developments which Doctor Knapp has in mind. This building is to be a memorial to Auburn's World War heroes.

The belief that Auburn can soon have a daily student newspaper instead of the present semi-weekly publication was expressed by Doctor Knapp.

Doctor Knapp stated that many thousands of dollars have been spent during the past summer to remodel buildings on the Auburn campus. He expressed his intention to make the entire college buildings here a wonderful place of beauty. With the new buildings to be erected soon at Auburn and the ultimate development of the college, Dr. Knapp hopes to make Auburn bear the same relation to Alabama, as the Massachusetts Institution of Technology bears to that state.

Another development pictured by Doctor Knapp is an immense recreational center including a large lake for swimming and boating together

with ample areas for golf and other sports.

Touching upon minor student disturbances usually occurring in the fall following pep meetings, President Knapp directed the attention of those assembled to the fact that citizens of Auburn are the most valuable friends the institution possesses. Upon this ground he urged the students to permit no action at any time that would be embarrassing to them. "I believe in having a whale of a good time," said Dr. Knapp, "but I believe in having it in the right way."

In conclusion, President Knapp stressed the importance of students conducting themselves so as to reflect credit on the institution especially when away on football trips and at all other times. This, he said, will add immensely to Auburn's popularity throughout the state and the South.

"So far as I am concerned there will be only two rules at Auburn while I am here. First, as students you should obey the laws of the state of Alabama and the statutes of the United States. Secondly, I merely ask that you conduct yourselves as gentlemen, bearing in mind always the old Southern ideals of courtesy and general manliness."

New Applied Art Course

In cooperation with the fast growing industries in Alabama, the school of architecture and allied arts of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn will offer this year a new course in applied art leading to a bachelor's degree. This course is added because of the increasing emphasis on art in industry.

Men and women of mature age, particularly those having practical experience, may register as special students without examination and take any course in drawing, painting, modeling, or design for which they have the necessary preparation. Such special students are not candidates for a degree, but may become so by satisfying the regular entrance requirements. The addition of this

course at Auburn correlates with the establishment of textile engineering as all designs printed on cloth must first be sketched by an artist. Likewise, other industries in Alabama find the services of an artist necessary in the creation of designs for their product.

To train such designers is the object of the Applied Art Course at Auburn. Commercial art, design of furniture, costumes, textile, wall paper, etc., interior decoration and landscape are some of the branches of specialization for students during the later years of the course. In the earlier years all students receive a thorough grounding in drawing, painting, modeling and the history of art.

AUBURN SUMMER SESSION
Graduates Large Class

64 DEGREES AWARDED

WITH the largest Summer graduating class in the history of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, 64 degrees were conferred Friday, August 17, by Dean Zebulon Judd, director, at the commencement exercises marking the close of the Summer session.

Of the total of 64 there were nine graduate degrees which brought the total number of diplomas issued this year to 294. Of the 1,515 registered for both terms of Summer session, there were 1,084 different students. Twenty-eight counties of Alabama were represented by the graduates with a number of them coming from six other Southern states.

A message from President Bradford Knapp, who was at this time at the University of Virginia conducting a division of the institute of public affairs, was read by Dean Judd. At the suggestion of L. E. Creel, superintendent of schools at Sheffield, and seconded by J. W. Watson of Opelika, the graduating class adopted an appropriate resolution in response to the message of Dr. Knapp. This resolution was wired to the president at Charlottesville.

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute is not planning to suffer any diminution in its opportunity to continue the training of teachers for the public schools of Alabama, stated Dean Judd. In addition, he said, Auburn is continuing in the graduate field to prepare principals and superintendents for places of leaderships in the schools of the state.

Dean Judd directed attention to a bulletin published by the executive council of the college voicing strenuous protest of the trustees and faculty against the allocation by the State Board of Education of the teacher-training equalization fund.

Though it is not generally known, he said, Auburn is offering continued training for elementary teachers after they have completed their work at the regular normal schools.

Regarding the growth of the Summer session Dean Judd pointed out that in the beginning in 1913 no work for the master's degree was offered, but today this work constituted one of the major divisions of the Summer session. In the beginning the enrollment was approxi-

Athletic Association Heavily in Debt

President Knapp Believes Deficit May Be Removed in Short Time

MEMBERS of the Auburn Alumni Association ought to know that we are doing everything within our power to finance athletics properly, safely and earnestly. Coach George M. Bohler and his staff are doing a very fine piece of work. I want to compliment Coach Bohler very highly on the care he seems to be taking in financial matters. I am constantly in touch with him and we are all working together earnestly to finance the athletic teams fully, properly and yet without waste of money.

Unfortunately some mistakes in the past have been made. The Alumni Association has loaned a considerable sum, really as loans, and yet only a small amount has ever been collected. These collections must be made by the Alumni Association itself. There has been no center or definite organization for handling student loans. I am working earnestly with Secretary Brown and the Association to try to bring order out of this situation.

I think the Alumni Association ought to know one or two facts: The first of these is that the Athletic Association carried a deficit of \$36,541.62 at the beginning of the present fiscal year. Coach Bohler and the President believe that this can be wiped out. It is the product of

misfortunes in the past. The Board of Trustees of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute fully expects that Athletics and games be financed out of Athletic income and the contributions that are made for that purpose by the friends of the institution. The institution, as a policy established by the Board, is not expecting to pay this deficit out of money appropriated by the state of Alabama. We have a right to support physical education, to pay salaries of men employed for the general support of the physical education department of the institution, but the other side of the matter must be financed by the income from athletics.

I am making these statements for the purpose of advising the Alumni Association and each individual alumnus of the exact situation and asking them to understand and to refrain from demanding that we shall do things that we cannot do. If the "Auburn Spirit" is worth a thing in the world, we can see this thing through on the right basis, fairly, squarely and openly. I am a very strong believer in knowing the truth and I want to make this statement to the alumni, students and friends of the institution in the interest of the truth.

Very truly yours,
BRADFORD KNAPP,
President.

mately 100, this Summer 1,084 different students have enrolled in the various courses. Of this enrollment 795 registered for the first term and 720 for the second term, giving a gross enrollment of 1,515, an increase of 76 students over last year. From the beginning, however, more and more emphasis was placed on regular college courses. Today, barring the work in the demonstration schools, only work for college credit is offered, he said.

Referring to the growth of Auburn's graduate division, Dean Petrie stated that this Summer 190 students were enrolled for graduate work who were holders of degrees from 20 representative colleges and universities of the country located in 10 different states.

Among the institutions represented by college graduates doing post-

graduate work at Auburn this Summer, besides the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, are the following:

Mississippi A. & M., University of Alabama, Howard College, Judson College, University of Georgia, Vanderbilt, New York University, University of Tennessee, Oklahoma University and Shorter College.

AUBURN'S MOVIE HOUSE RANKS WITH BEST

Auburn's New Tiger Theatre is a recent addition that ranks the college town with the largest cities in the movie line. This movie house is completely up-to-date and was installed at a cost of near sixty thousand dollars. The new Tiger playhouse was erected by the Thomas Estate, of Auburn,

THE MONTH ON THE CAMPUS

PLAINSMAN OUTLOOK

THE PRESENT outlook shows that the Plainsman this year is going to be better than ever before. Last year thirty-two issues were put out. This year there will be sixty issues, an increase of twenty-eight. The Plainsman will appear twice a week, on Thursday morning and Sunday morning.

PREXY'S COLUMN

THE PLAINSMAN has adopted the policy of devoting space each issue to be known as Prexy's paragraphs. In these paragraphs Dr. Knapp will convey things of interest to the students of this institution. Each student will be able to receive Dr. Knapp's personal viewpoint on subjects of vital interest and importance. This policy of having Dr. Knapp to contribute to the students' own paper will also keep the student in personal contact with the President. The purpose of this column is further to keep the faculty and the Alumni, as well as the city of Auburn, informed as to the current issues concerning the college.

PREXY ABANDONS OLD CONVOCATION

FOR THE FIRST time since Auburn's establishment in 1872, no regular hour is set for convocation exercises. At the first convocation of the year President Knapp informed the students that until further notice there would be no schedule of assemblies in Langdon Hall. It is his belief, he said, that such meetings should not be held unless there was some real need for calling the students together. Therefore, convocation this year at Auburn will occur only when some matter arises that should be brought before the student body or when some distinguished person visits the campus. On such occasions a call convocation will be announced and all will be expected to attend.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT FORMED

THE RECENTLY established Department of Student Employment, J. V. Brown, chairman, with the co-operation of a number of citizens of Auburn has done great work already this year, finding employment for more than a score of college students. In this way this de-



CLEVELAND ADAMS
1928 Winner Birmingham News
Scholarship

This lucky "Rat" is shown above just after buying his books and army shoes preparatory to beginning his career at Auburn. The shoes form a necessary part of the R. O. T. C. equipment. After careful consideration by a committee appointed by Dr. Knapp, Adams was awarded the scholarship from a group of more than sixty applicants. His home is in Eufaula and he is studying textile engineering. The scholarship provides \$500 annually for four years.

partment has made it possible for a number of deserving young men, who could not attend school without an opportunity to earn a part or all of their expenses, to enroll this year at Auburn.

CURRENT LITERATURE COURSE NOW OFFERED

ONE HOUR course in Current Literature will be given this year by Prof. Daugherty, according to an announcement from the office

of Prof. Rutland, head of the English department.

Although plans for the course are not yet completed, it will be a general review of today's literature, according to the professor in charge. Novelists, short story writers, poets, dramatists, philosophers, scientists, and magazine writers will be discussed.

The purpose of the course is to acquaint busy engineering students with important facts in the cultural life of the nation. It should prove to be a great boon to the engineers who cannot take the more advanced literature course.

DEAN PETRIE GIVES ACCOUNT OF STORM

DEAN PETRIE gave the students of Current Events a rare treat recently with an account of the horrible storm that has been raging on the Florida coast.

It seems that on Monday he was called to Jacksonville, Florida, by the death of his aunt. Monday night he boarded the train at Opelika for the trip. He reached Waycross safely enough Tuesday morning but here he first found serious evidences of the storm. Because of a bridge that had been washed away between Waycross and Jacksonville he had to travel in a roundabout way. This trip caused him to realize the severity of the storm. He says that beside the railroad he saw trees blown down like corn in a strong wind. Everywhere he saw water. In some places houses were sitting in pools of water which reached the porches.

FRATERNITIES HAVE SCRAMBLE FOR HOUSES

THERE HAS been quite a bit of scramble for temporary location of Fraternity houses this semester. Among the ones to move were the Pi Kappa Alpha, Tau Omega Chi, and Delta Sigma Phi. The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is now situated in what is known as Cary's castle. They moved out of their old house on North Gay Street to make room for Tau Omega Chi, who had bought the property. The Delta Sigma Phi moved from 325 Gay Street to North Gay Street. This was the result of incomplete plans of the college for Fraternity Row. These Fraternities with Phi Kappa Delta, A. T. O. and Phi Delta Theta were to have new homes this year.

Recent Books You Might Enjoy

By J. R. Rutland, 'oo, Head Professor of English

SIDNEY HOWARD'S THE SILVER CORD

SHAW CONTENDS that a child's love for its parents is superfluous, and that reproduction is the fundamental responsibility of man and wife. Sidney Howard advances still further with the theme that "mother love" might even prove disastrous. Truly, in *THE SILVER CORD*, the mother misconstrues maternal devotion, and consequently binds her sons so strongly with the silver cord.

David Phelps is the favorite son, and finds it impossible to apportion his love equally to his mother and to Christina, his wife. Mrs. Phelps contentiously reiterates her fear of losing her entire grip on the hearts of her "two fine boys." Christina contends for only her share of devotion. But David, the fought-over, is one of those deliberately dazed persons, and insists that neither of them "make a mountain out of a mole hill."

Robin, the younger son, acclaims his love for Hester, who dispassionately returns it. Now, Mrs. Phelps is unable to bear the visualization of any one else reaping the fruits from her toil of parenthood. And so that's why we have a play.

Mrs. Phelps prompts her precious Robin to sever his engagement to Hester. He does. His mother continues to annoy Hester until she, in an effort to rid herself of the miserable Mrs. Phelps, attempts a departure at night, during which falls victim to a hole in the ice.

As Christina, who is innately in sympathy with Hester, yells for help.

As Hester is almost drowning.

(and as one intellectual progeny in the audience wonders if Hester has a wooden leg, and if it will consequently make her float)

And as David and Robin rush to the rescue.

And as all this happens, Mrs. Phelps cries pitifully for "her darling boys to get their coats or they'll catch cold."

Christina's speech in the third act presents a discussion of various types of love, containing the theme of the play. The climax is reached when she, at the end of her lines, demands that David choose between

SELECTED LIST OF RECENT BOOKS

A. Paterson's "George Eliot's Family Life." Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$5.

L. Cohen's "Oscar Wilde." Boni & Liveright, \$2.

O. S. Sitwell's "All at Sea." Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.50.

Sir Oliver Lodge's "Science and Human Progress." Doran & Co., \$2.

S. V. Benét's "John Brown's Body." Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.50.

W. R. Inge's "Lay Thoughts of a Dean." Garden City Publishing Co.

E. L. Master's "Jack Kelso." D. Appleton & Co.

R. M. Gay's "Ralph Waldo Emerson," a Study of the Poet a Seer. Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.

I. Moulet's "Barrie." C. Scribner's Sons.

S. Nearing's "Whiter China." International Publishers, \$1.75.

H. Walpole's "Anthony Trollope." E. M. L. Series, Macmillan Co., \$1.25.

C. O. Isaacson's "The Simple Story of Music." Macy-Masins Co., \$3.

C. Van Vechten's "Spider Body." A. A. Knopf, \$2.50.

K. Norris' "The Foolish Virgin." Doubleday, Doran Co., \$2.00.

Stark Young's "The Torche's Flare." C. Scribner's Sons, \$2.50.

C. Fiske's "The Confessions of a Puzzled Parson." C. Scribner's Sons, \$2.00.

herself and Mrs. Phelps. Robin is bade to do likewise. Christina and Hester go out. Exit David.

Mrs. Phelps caresses Robin as the curtain falls, the silver cord being too strong a tie.

The play is presented by the Theatre Guild Reperator Company, and is the winner of the Pulitzer prize. Florence Eldridge and George Gaul are the leading players, the former being one of the most prominent of Broadway's younger actresses. Mr. Gaul has led many successful plays.

BAKER BROWNELL'S

THE NEW UNIVERSE

D. Van Nostrand

BROWNELL'S NEW UNIVERSE is one of those books that fire the imagination and lure our curiosity. Though it may have been intended for freshmen, the older reader feels that his education is being energetically brought down to date.

The New Universe is, like all Gaul, divided into three parts, the first dealing with studies in matter, the world as scientific fact, the second dealing with society, human conduct and practical action, and the third dealing with personal values, appreciations and spiritual interests. One of its greatest values is its attempts at the co-ordination of specialized knowledge. It is intended to unlock, through a selection of ideas, certain doors to deeper knowledge of the world and life. The world is going so fast, we are so busy, there are so many things to learn, new avenues of learning are being opened up so rapidly that one needs something like this synthesis of the universe to unify it. It is a deliberate, enlightened refusal to accept life lightly or gloomily.

Naturally the book falls into the class of outlines, such as Well's *Outline of History*, Drinkwater's *Outline of Literature* or Durant's *Story of Philosophy*. Though it is foolish to think that one can be educated by swallowing such outlines, one can be educated more satisfactorily with them.

Wordsworth speaks of poetry as the finer breath of all knowledge, or what we might call the glow of interestingness in the spirit's forge where man and nature fuse. The thoughtful reader will find in this book the kind of intelligence that will "merge document and poetry." Perhaps one of the most interesting parts is that dealing with the contrast between knowing and being, with consummations, love, beauty, and religion, with man's conviction of the worthwhileness of something and with his confidence in a something beyond sensation and reason.

The book is recommended for its knowledge, for its philosophy, and for its vital freshness of conception.—J. R. Rutland.

EDITORIALS

**Auburn's
New Era**

AUBURN now enters upon a new era in her history. With an appropriation of three-quarters of a million dollars, long needed improvements and enlargements are made possible.

The two miles of added street paving, much of which borders college property, the improved campus—newly arranged walks in front of Main building and filled-out grass plots, the re-touching and repairing of both Main building and Broun Engineering Hall, all gives the college an appearance of new life.

The \$750,000 appropriation from the state of Alabama makes possible a building program for the college giving increased accommodations and conveniences in all departments of the institution. Plans are being drawn for the erection of a Chemical building taking place of several old ones long used for that purpose. In due time other buildings will follow.

The department of Physical Education and Athletics under the direction of Coach Geo. M. Bohler is being strengthened and enlarged. The gymnasium has been increased in its capacity by the erection of an addition for dressing quarters in which more than two hundred athletes find accommodation.

Excellent provision has been made for the care and repair of all equipment, with a property man employed for this work. Many new devices have been installed upon the athletic fields for the training of athletes, and added equipment has been purchased for first aid treatment of injuries. In fact everything is being done with dispatch looking to the equipping of the most capable and efficient department possible.

To date more freshmen have enrolled than matriculated during the year 1927-28. A larger per cent of upperclassmen than usual have returned. An increased number of capable instructors and teachers for all departments have been employed.

Enthusiasm is in evidence everywhere and Auburn looms up with brighter prospects than ever before in her eventful history of more than half a century.

A new college department has been organized for the purpose of securing employment for worthy boys needing work in order to earn a part of their expenses while attending college. Already a large number of students have applied for work and a number have been engaged. Your secretary has been given this work.

Doctor Knapp, our president, a genius for work, is constantly devising ways and means by which this department may be organized and developed. His sympathetic and wise leadership is felt and observed in all departments of the institution.

**A New Day
For Auburn—
Student's View**

AUBURN is now entering upon a period of advancement yet unequalled in the history of this great institution. Optimism is not the only element in the air now; this is a condition that is real. Everywhere about us, in the spirit of the students, in the faculty and executives, in the new buildings and improvements that are under way, in the various changes that are being made, and perhaps more prominent than any other at this time, in the activities of the football squads—Varsity and Freshman, there abounds an atmosphere that breathes progressiveness.

With happy vacation days in the past, this group of busy students has returned to make college real again. Upon our return we found all these milestones of progress planted about the campus, which have served as a stimulus from the beginning. It falls our lot to catch step, and keep step throughout the remainder of our lives. It would be playing the traitor indeed for us as students to fail in our part of the great scheme of building an institution such as this.

Quite a few new faces in the faculty ranks greet us upon our return; these, we know, will do their utmost for Auburn. The new executive whom we learned to love ere we left last spring is greeting us with warm smiles, denoting his fatherly interest and hope for our welfare. These worthy men and women are to serve as our instructors, advisors and sympathizers in the course of events here this session. It behooves us to become thoroughly acquainted with them, regarding them as human beings—possessors of reason and understanding—as ourselves, and all work together for one common purpose—a Greater Auburn.—Plainsman.

**Dr. Knapp
and Sports**

NOT THE LEAST of Dr. Bradford Knapp's appeal to the Auburn spirit since he assumed the presidency of the institution has been his attitude toward athletics. He has placed major emphasis upon Auburn's mission of serviceableness to both agriculture and industry in the state but he has not failed to let it be known that he is a football fan, that he loves athletics and that he thinks it occupies a highly important place in college life. While hoping to see his college win he has said that he places more emphasis on clean athletics and "playing the game" than on mere winning.

Good sportsmanship is one thing that every institution of learning owes to those in its charge to inculcate. It is so important in the battle of life that no man is thoroughly educated who lacks it.—Alabama Journal.

**Agriculture
and Industry
Interdependent
Says Dr. Knapp**

IN THE Public addresses which President Bradford Knapp of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has been making since arriving in Alabama he has frequently said that he feels the greatest service Auburn can render to Alabama will be to aid in the co-ordinate development of agriculture and industry in the state. He believes that Auburn is in peculiarly happy position to render such service and he has laid emphasis upon his assertion that no real and lasting prosperity for the state is possible unless there be prosperity in both agriculture and industry.

Dr. Knapp's attitude on this matter is wholly sound, for neither agriculture nor industry can be thoroughly prosperous unless both are prosperous. Each is too closely dependent upon the other for it to be otherwise. Furthermore Dr. Knapp is presenting a problem from an Alabama angle which is also a problem for the nation. The agricultural unrest and dissatisfaction in recent years is the direct result of unequal encouragement which has been given to agriculture and industry through governmental agency. Industry has continually had thrown about it the fostering and protecting arm of the national government, while co-ordinate encouragement to agriculture has been lacking. The result has been agricultural revolt against conditions which have found their most emphatic expression in the great agricultural regions of the West.

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill which has been vetoed for the second time by President Coolidge was an effort by the farmer and the friends of the farmer to correct discriminations against farm products and in favor of manufactured products. The protective tariff has enabled the manufacturer to keep the prices of his products at a high level, while farm products without any such artificial price-stabilizing subsidy have suffered in direct proportion to the favoritism shown a kindred branch of national production. It is a system which has actually worked a double hardship on the farmer because he has had to buy his manufactured products in a high market and sell his own products in a low market. Permanent prosperity cannot come to the farmer until there is more nearly equalized opportunity and until there shall be removal of discriminations under which he labors.

This same condition reflects itself more or less acutely here in Alabama where the condition of the farmer naturally makes him sympathetic with the battle the western farmer is making for recognition and for the removal of these discriminations. No warmer advocates of the protective tariff system exist anywhere than are to be found among the great manufacturers of the Birmingham district. It is a selfish advocacy, of course, because the products they manufacture receive their share of the benefits and high prices which a protective tariff subsidy guarantees to them. Yet its artificiality is apparent when its results are contrasted with the condition of the Alabama farmer who is either directly or indirectly the

chief customer for these manufactured products.

There are, to be sure, other factors which add to the difficulties of the Alabama farmer's position such as the importation into the state of such enormous quantities of farm products which should be produced on our own farms. Dr. Knapp has raised a very important issue in Alabama, and if he and the institution of which he has become the distinguished head can be instrumental in bringing about co-ordinate development and equality of opportunity between agriculture and industry he will have placed the state under lasting obligation,—Alabama Journal.

A Great College; A Great Leader

THE POSITION as leader of a college like Auburn demands someone who is full of initiative, one who is farsighted in progressive views, and one who is enthusiastic about the growth of Auburn. One cannot help noticing the progressive movements taking place in Auburn at the present time. Any college is fortunate who has such a leader directing her and watching out for her welfare.

In this respect Auburn is indeed fortunate, for she has a great man at her helm, steering her safely through a dangerous strait in state affairs and public opinion.

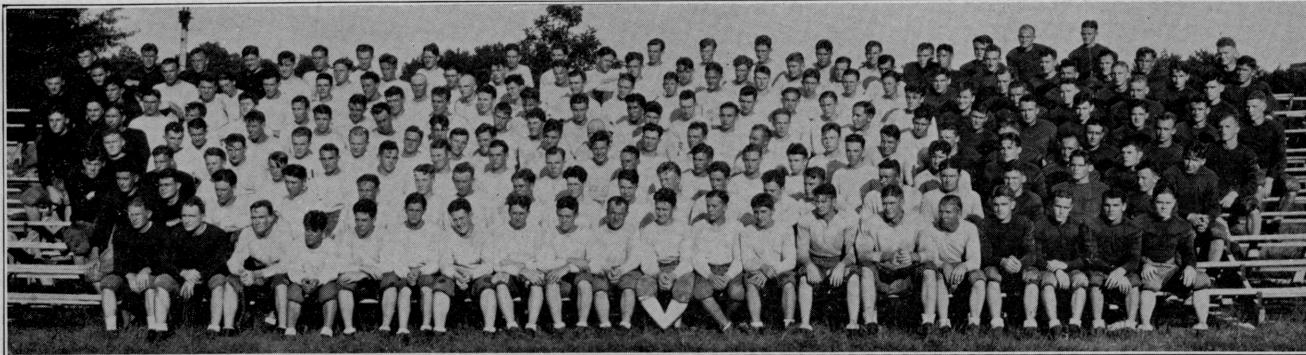
Dr. Bradford Knapp has been here only a few months, yet in this time he has obtained more Auburn Spirit than many who have been here for a great number of years. He has conspicuously placed Auburn before the people of this state, and he is showing them every day what an asset this college is to the citizens of Alabama.

Dr. Knapp's plan, when it will have materialized, for the future development of Auburn will be nothing short of the realization of the dreams of the men who have gone out from here in the years past. These men want Auburn to grow and will be willing to support any progressive plan for growth when it has been fully explained to them and when its advantages have been accurately foretold. These men will be willing to help Auburn in getting the new buildings that are so badly needed, in beautifying the campus until it is the finest in the South, in supporting the athletic teams to the fullest extent, if they know that the students of this college are holding high the ideals and standards as well as trying hard to make this a greater college than she has ever been before.

Dr. Knapp believes that the best way for Auburn to grow is for the outside people to have faith and confidence in her ability to fit those who come here in the best possible way to pursue their work later on in life. He feels that one of the most effective means of creating such a trust in for the students to obey the laws of the state and nation and to also respect the rights of the people as well as to conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times. When such a condition comes about, Auburn will have obtained an asset that can justly be valued exceedingly high.—Plainsman.



ATHLETICS



COACH BOHLER'S FOOTBALL SQUAD—VARSITY AND FRESHMAN

Team Shows Good Form Under Coach Bohler

Indications Point to Strong Passing Aggregation...

THE SECOND WEEK of grid practice has found the fighting Tigers receiving much coaching in the art of passing, while skull practice and charging have been some part of the work that the gridders have undergone. Then too the candidates have put in some time in learning how to handle the pigskin, for the coaches realize that if a man is going to carry the ball, he must know how to hold it without losing it.

Strong Passing Attack

When one walks out on Drake Field now the first thing that meets the eye is a big group of gridders tossing the pig-skin, while another bunch will be practicing on the receiving end. Nothing is prettier than to see a team that has a perfect passing outfit, and it seems that Coach Bohler is really going to get the Tigers where they can put a scare into the Auburn enemies, due to this form of offensive play. With the fast ends and halves that are on hand, we should be able to net some nice gains by taking to the air.

The question now arises as to who will toss the passes. There are several Tigers in camp who have the ability to heave the ball, but it is believed that the quarterback will do the most of it. In the return of "Tux" Tuxworth, we have a man who will be a triple threat if Coach Bohler lets him throw passes. Although "Tux" was out of school last year, it will be remembered that he

By T. C. INGERSOLL, '29

can throw the ball with much accuracy, having thrown the pass that tied Georgia Tech three years ago. Then we must not forget that Jim Crawford will also be in the back-field, and not only can he fling passes but he sticks his foot under the ball for good yardage. Porter Callahan is another of last year's lettermen who can pass and punt, and according to a certain sports writer can "do anything but eat a football."

Coach Bohler's New Methods

During the last few weeks Coach Bohler has spent much time in putting Drake Field and the field adjoining it, into condition for the team to get the best possible training. Just to glance at the field a spectator would think a circus or side show was in town, for various devices have been erected on the field, which enable the coaches to give the gridders different kinds of exercise that will help greatly in putting them in shape. On one side of the field are found small hurdles, while in another part there is equipment that gives the linemen excellent practice in making a quick get off. As we move on, a structure is noticed where the dummies are located, and it is here that the mysterious moving dummy is found. With this moving dummy, the players can learn to tackle a moving object. This is good practice, for almost all takles in the game

are made when the man is moving.

Large Crowds Look on

Ever since the students started coming in, the field has been filled with spectators. There have been no closed practices so far, and large crowds of spectators have eagerly watched the boys go through the stiff training. This seems to be a good plan to let the spectators watch the practice, as the candidates get used to having people watch them, and when the game comes off, they do not become rattled or get "stage fright."

The total number of uniforms out to date comes to seventy-nine, as three men have had to withdraw from school. Among them are: "Chink" Cosper, who was a speedy ball toter of last season; and H. P. White and David Moseley. "Dummy Howard" is having an attack of boils, and has been unable to make the last few drills. "Sheriff" Sellers has not been out for the last few days due to a slight attack of appendicitis.

Light Scrimmages Being Held

The first of this week the linemen were divided into teams, and light scrimmages were given them, and the fine points of blocking were brought out by the coaches in charge. Shoulder pads were issued for the first time Monday.

Part of the work consisted in several teams running signals. Tuxworth seems to be calling the signals
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FIVE OF SEVEN SIDNEY LANIER STARS ENTER AUBURN

Out of seven Sidney Lanier gridiron stars entering college this fall, five entered Auburn. Paul Duncan, former assistant sports editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, is going to the University of Alabama, and Arthur Freehling will go to the University of Florida. The five selecting Auburn were R. E. Lutz, Joe Andress, Vernon Davidson, George Egge, and Louis McRee.

LARGE FRESHMAN SQUAD REPORTS TO COACH BROWN

APPROXIMATELY one hundred and twenty-five freshmen have signed up with Coach R. C. Brown for uniforms and equipment and have reported for the initial practice.

The first rodent workout disclosed the fact that there is plenty of good looking material among the first-year men. Although the first drill given by Coach Brown was of such a nature that the men did not have an opportunity to show their ability it is evident that the frosh team will bear watching this season.

A number of the freshmen have good prep and high school grid records, while others have hopes of showing their worth although they come from rather obscure schools. Several of the men have been captains of their respective teams before they entered Auburn.

With the additional numbers now reporting for practice regularly on Drake Field space is somewhat congested, there being little room for extended work. Conditions will be improved soon, however, by process of elimination.

The schedule this year includes games with Birmingham-Southern, Florida, Georgia Tech, Tulane, and Georgia. The dates and places, with the exception of the Georgia game which is still unsettled, are as follows:

October 5th, (Day before Homecoming)—Birmingham-Southern at Auburn.

October 13th—Florida at Columbus.

October 27—Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

November 3rd—Tulane at Auburn.

November 17 or 24—Georgia at Columbus or Athens.

Many Old Tigers Make Good in Professional Ball

By C. T. INGERSOLL, '29

DURING the past summer several old Auburn baseball players took up professional baseball, and some of them have made records that should make their Alma Mater proud.

"Dooley" Gilchrist

Nashville is the proud owner of "Dooley" Gilchrist, who has developed into quite an artist at swinging the willow. He has been in the majority of the games this summer, and we recall one game in particular when he hit a home run with the bases full, which sewed up the game for Nashville. He was manager of the Tiger nine last year, played third base, and was cheer leader.

"Cush" Wood

Another Nashville player is "Cush" Wood, who pitched for that team this season. He recently won a pitcher's dual, and showed up the good form that we used to enjoy seeing last spring when he was one of our star hurlers.

"Fob" James

Instead of going back to the movies, "Fob" James, decided to take up baseball for the summer. He played first base for Carrollton in the Georgia-Alabama league. His fielding was not far from perfect, and his hitting was above the average. "Fob" was captain of that wonderful basketball team last year that only missed the Southern Conference championship by one point.

"Ebb" James

Since graduation last spring, "Ebb" James has held down the position of catcher with the Selma team. He was captain of the great 1927 diamond aggregation that won the Southern Conference Championship.

Ben Sankey

One of the best infielders on the Selma team this year was Ben Sankey, who still has his keen eye for swatting out the old agate. He had a good batting average at the end of the season.

"Pat" Moulton

On the pitching staff of the Montgomery Lions, we find a good Auburn representative in Pat Moulton. This ex-Tiger is hard to hit when he gets warmed up.

Coach "Slick" Moulton

Coach Moulton was with Nashville a while this season, and took over the mound on several occasions. He

left before the season was over, in order to resume his duties here on the athletic field.

"Jelly" Akin

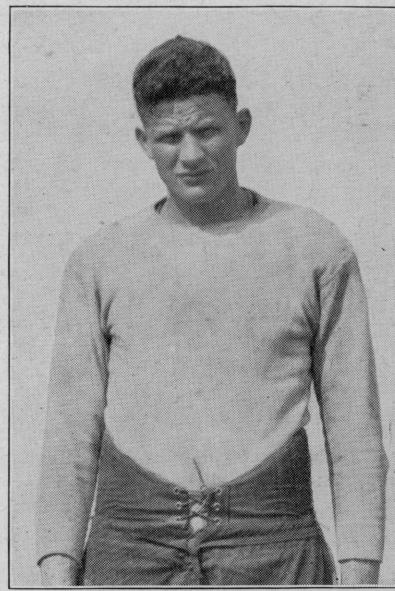
The first of the season found "Jelly" Akin in the Mobile lineup in the Southern League, but he later went to Hattiesburg. At the present time, he is playing with the Jackson, Mississippi, team.

"Buck" Ellis

"Buck" Ellis has been with Nashville until recently, when he left for Bay Minette to accept a job as coach there.

"Dog-Face" Sheridan

Newark bought "Dog-Face" from Birmingham, and now he is under the tutorage of the nationally known pitching ace, Walter Johnson.



CAPTAIN H. J. "NICK" CARTER

By R. H. Snowden, '32

The Auburn Tigers are indeed fortunate in having a man like "Nick" Carter to lead them through a hard schedule. For two years he has been one of Auburn's outstanding players and "Nick" duly deserves this honored position as leader of the Tiger. Last year he was mentioned for all-Southern honors and had he been with a winning team he would no doubt have landed this berth. Being over six feet tall and of heavy build, he makes an ideal lineman.

Carter's home is in Blountsville, where he played four years of high school football. His qualities of leadership make him an ideal captain.

Coach Wilbur Hutsell Gives Interesting Account of Olympic Games

1600 Meter Relay Team Tutored by Coach Hutsell Wins World Championship in Olympics

AMERICAN ATHLETES will run away with the 1932 Olympic meet" is the statement given out by Coach Wilbur Hutsell, Auburn's premier track mentor, assistant coach for the 1928 Olympic team and coach of the world's championship 1600 meter relay team. The meet will be held in Los Angeles and will save the Americans a long ocean ride that prevents athletes from doing their best.

"A poor track and crowded conditions on the boat going over prevented the United States team from doing their best. All track work had to be dispensed with going over and only workouts in the gymnasium were given to the American athletes by Head Coach Lawson Robertson. The sprinters and quarter-milers were the hardest hit because of the poor track which they had to work out on during their preliminary running and were not given enough work for four grueling heats which they had to win if they were accorded as champions," stated Coach Hutsell. The wearers of the stars and stripes scored more points than any two other countries put together and that is not such a bad showing after all.

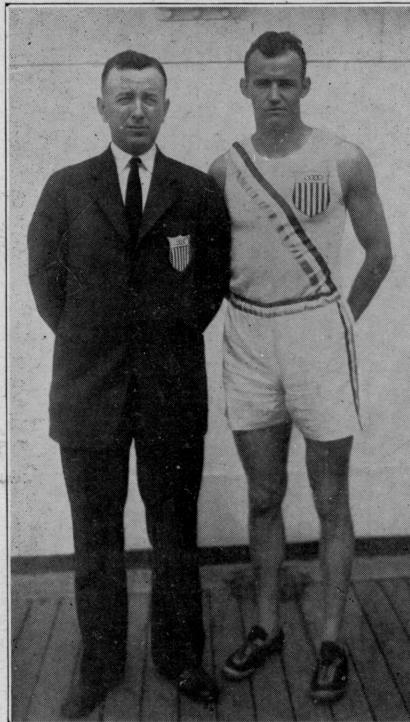
Coach Hutsell attended the tryouts for the team in both Philadelphia and Boston and saw two of his former pupils perform. Euil 'Snitz' Snider and Weems Baskin turned out to be rated as two of the greatest track stars in the country, even though Baskin failed to make the Olympic team.

Snider Wins

Snider, the present co-holder of the American 400 meter record with Ray Barbuti, former Syracuse University football and track star, was Auburn's member of the Olympic team. He won his preliminary heats in 48 and three-fifths, 48 and two-fifths and 48 flat. In the final heat, after a terrific wind and rain storm, he placed second to Barbuti, who won the final heat with the slow time of fifty-one and three-fifths seconds. Snider's preliminary heats around forty-eight seconds gave him a record of six races near the same time.

By ELMER G. SALTER

In the Amsterdam meet, Snider won his first preliminary heat and was eliminated in the second heat by Ball of Canada who placed second to Barbuti in the final heat. "Snitz," a week later, ran in the International Meet, held at Cologne, Germany, and placed third and was a member of



COACH HUTSELL AND SNIDER
Auburn's Olympic Representatives

Coach Hutsell served as one of the ten field and track coaches, while Snider went to Amsterdam as a member of America's 400 meter team. Snider is present co-holder of the American 400 meter record.

the winning relay team. Snider has returned to Auburn and is at present working hard for a place on Coach Bohler's 1928 Auburn Tiger football eleven.

Weems Baskin and Nichols, star at Stanford, were two hurdlers that were being counted on by Coach Robertson to lessen his coaching worries but both lost out through hard luck. Baskin became stale from overwork three weeks before the tryouts and was given a five

day rest. He came back in the preliminary heats and won his first two, tripping over three hurdles in the third heat which eliminated him. Nichols won his first two heats and led the semi-final heat until he tripped and fell over the last hurdle. Both stars were taken across, Baskin by the New York Athletic Club and Nichols, as an aide to General McArthur, President of the Amateur Athletic Association. The Athletic Club tried to place Baskin on the Olympic team but there was not a chance as the names of members of the team had been sent to Holland four days before the Roosevelt landed and Coach Robertson did not know that the New York Athletic Club was sending any stars over until their boat arrived four days after the Olympic stars had docked. Baskin ran well in International meets, winning the high hurdle event in Paris August 10. Baskin and other members of the barnstorming team will return to America this month. Weems will run under the colors of the New York Athletic Club again this winter when the meets begin indoors, the first part of 1929. "Snitz" Snider might join his former teammate as the Athletic Club is trying to get him to return to the East and run on the hardwood this Winter.

Hutsell's Relay Team Wins

Each member of the coaching staff for the Olympic team had some specific event to coach and Coach Hutsell coached the 1600 meter relay team. The only worry Coach Hutsell had was waiting until the last day as the relay event was the last of the Olympics. Coach Hutsell was repaid for his worrying when his team went out and broke the world's record, the first three teams finishing establishing new records.

This is the second time that Coach Hutsell has gone to the Olympics, going in 1924 after students had taken up contributions, sufficient to enable the coach that they hold in such high esteem to make the trip. This year Coach Hutsell was selected as assistant to Coach Robertson, being selected with nine others from all of the coaches in the country.



BARBUTI WINNING 1600 METER RELAY FOR UNCLE SAM

Barbuti, former Syracuse football and track star, is shown breaking the tape to win the 1600 meter relay, the members of this team being coached by Wilbur Hutsell, Auburn's track coach. Each of the first three teams finishing established a new world's record. Representatives of Germany, Canada, and England can be seen finishing well behind Barbuti.

Following is a copy of the order issued on board SS President Roosevelt to the members of the Olympic team showing something of the discipline and daily routine of our athletes:

"AMERICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, SS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

"To the Members of the American Olympic Track and Field Team:

"The track and field team, consisting of 103 members, is the largest unit aboard the President Roosevelt, and as such is more conspicuous than any other unit. Its conduct thus far has been exemplary and I want the same condition to exist until our triumphant return to the States.

"The following rules will be strictly observed by every member of the team:

1. The time for retiring is 10:30 P. M.

2. No gambling of any kind will be permitted in any part of the ship.

3. Until further notice, no member of the team will wear the issued running trunks, shirt, white canvas shoes or flannel trousers. Some of these articles will be worn at the opening ceremonies and the others in actual competition and they must be kept immaculate until the proper time for their use arrives.

4. Promptness at meals is essential. Every athlete will be in the dining room for breakfast at 7:30 A. M., lunch 12 noon and dinner at 6:00 P. M.

5. Head Coach Lawson Robertson has made the following assignments of his assistant coaches and their orders and instructions will be obeyed and respected:

"Lawson Robertson will instruct in the 100 and 200 meters.

"Harry L. Hillman—110 and 400 meter hurdles.

"Thomas F. Kene—400 and 800 meters.

"John W. Behr—1500 and steeple-chase.

"John J. Magee—Discus and hammer.

"R. L. Templeton—High jump and shot.

"Henry Schulte—Decathlon.

"Edward Farrell—Broad Jump and hop, step and jump.

"John A. Ryder—5,000 and 10,000 meters.

"Dean Cormwell—Pole vault and 400 meter relay.

"Wilbur Hutsell—1600 meter relay.

"William Haywood—Javelin.

P. J. WALSH, Manager,
Olympic Track and Field Team."

Where Are They?

Mail sent to these addresses of the following alumni is repeatedly returned. Can't you give us the correct address for some of these?

Cason, Earl, Center, Ala.

Crumley, Chas. W., 824 North 44th St., Birmingham.

Davidson, W. B., Trust Co. of Ga. Building, Atlanta.

Foster, A., Fruithurst, Ala.

Foxworth, W. J., Jackson, Ala.

Gaines, O. C., Cleveland, Ohio.

J. J. Heard, 1016 Horatio Street, Tampa, Fla.

Jones, J. W., Lakewood, Ohio.

Littleton, O. E., 309 Felder St., Montgomery.

McNeill, Norman, Care Adjutant General's Office, Washington.

Orr, F. J., Union Springs.

Shaver, Boyd, 116 Clanton Ave., Montgomery.

Salzman, M., 1633 Arlington Ave., Bessemer.

Savelle, M. J., Mobile.

Virgin, Mrs., Annie Laurie Penn, 1329 Cedar Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Stein, S. E., Athens, Ala.

CAMPUS AND MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS GREET STUDENTS ON RETURN

Marked improvement on the campus and in the buildings of the college as well as in the town of Auburn were observed by former students when they returned to Auburn, September 10, for the opening of the 1928-29 season.

Many buildings have been painted, repairs made, and the campus beautified. In addition the new extension service building—to cost \$90,000—is under construction. The contractor is hurrying with his construction work in order to have it completed before the end of the calendar year.

During the summer paving was laid around the campus along both Magnolia and College streets, and also through the college property from College street to the president's home. This was done by the State Highway department with the college taking care of the curbs and gutters extending out from the highway paving. Where private property is involved the owners will be responsible for this extension and for curbs and gutters.

Paving along college property now extends from the entrance of the main campus at the crossing of College and Magnolia streets southward along College street beyond the Duggar home. It extends westward

THE CAJOLER

A NEW publication has made its bow on the campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. It is THE CAJOLER, which is devoted to art and humor, being the first attempt at Auburn to publish a magazine of this kind.

The new magazine is the product of students with the approval of President Knapp and two members of the faculty serving as advisers. L slie F. Sawyer, Birmingham, is editor and Jack E. McLeskey of Atlanta is advertising manager. Kenneth E. Daugherty and P. O. Davis are faculty advisers. In the initial issue the board of editors announces that it is their policy "To present, attractively, genuine, clean, humor for the discriminating reader who finds wholesome enjoyment in the humorous aspects of college life as written and presented by undergraduates."

President Knapp commends the idea, referring to it as "a magazine devoted to the lighter or fun-making side of college life." At the same time, Dr. Knapp condemns any attempt to pass off as college humor, low play upon the "sins of our present day life." He said that "the mind which regards this as humor is diseased."

Dr. Knapp added: "There is so much fine, rich good fun in college life, so much that is wholesome and elevating, so much that appeals to the best there is in us, that I wonder why these other things must be lugged in and branded as College Humor when they do not represent more than a small fraction of college life."

along Magnolia street to the edge of the town.

Paving Work Completed

This paving was done at the same time private property was paved in Auburn to the extent of \$90,000. With this paving completed and now in use, Auburn is one of the best paved little towns in Alabama.

The new Tiger theatre is now completed. A formal opening show was presented Monday, September 3. It is a modern motion picture theatre with a seating capacity of more than 700. It was erected by the Thomas estate. Foreman Rogers is manager of the theatre. Together with equipment it cost approximately \$50,000.

A new Baptist church building is well on the way to completion, the walls are nearing the top and work is advancing rapidly. Completed and fully equipped, the new church will cost approximately \$90,000.

TEAM SHOWS GOOD FORM

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for one of the teams, while there are several other quarterbacks in action with the other teams. It is too early to predict who will fill each position, as the season is too young yet, but in a few days we will be able to see who the outstanding men on the squad are. There are a number of Sophomores that will have to be reckoned with before the first game is played. The latest arrivals are Carol Porter and E. R. Taylor.

Coach Lee Arrived Sept. 17

The coaching staff was strengthened greatly when Coach Lee arrived on the plains to help Coach Bohler and his assistants. He is to be assistant coach. He brings a fine record with him to the Orange and Blue camp, having made a name for himself at Mississippi College under the direction of our own Coach Bohler. Coach Lee was a four-letter man while at Mississippi, and had the honor of being captain of the football and baseball teams there. This summer he played baseball with Macon, Georgia, having been farmed out by Brooklyn. We all welcome such a man into our midst.

John Shirey in Uniform

The call of the grid candidates sounded too good to John "Barleycorn" Shirey, for every afternoon he is seen in football togs on Drake Field, and has been a great help to both the players and the coaches. He still has that same Auburn Spirit that a college needs in order to put out a winning team.

"Pop" Paterson, captain of last year's grid team has also been employed as assistant coach and is seen each afternoon on the field helping Coach Bohler train his team.

WILLIAM H. BRUCE, '85, PUBLISHES POEMS

William Herschel Bruce, '85, President Emeritus of North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas, has recently been complimented by the C. A. Bryant Company, publishers, in the issuance of THE CHARM OF SOLITUDE, "being a few personal daydreams put into words for kindred spirits," by this former Auburn graduate.

Dr. Bruce graduated at Auburn in 1885, later securing his M. A. degree from Baylor University, and Ph. D. at Mercer.

The Alumnus office is in receipt of a copy of this most unique 18-page monograph, and wishes to extend congratulations to Dr. Bruce upon its appearance.

Notes From The Classes

1882

George Alexander Carden is an investment banker located at 43 Exchange Place, New York City.

1888

Thomas D. Samford is a lawyer of the firm, Samford & Samford, Opelika, Ala.

1889

Andrew M. Lloyd is a chemist with the A. M. Lloyd Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

1891

William H. Oates is a physician in Mobile, Ala., with his office in the Van Antwerp Building. He received his M. D. degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1898.

1892

Frank M. Mosley is engaged in the electrical business with the firm Mosley Electric Company of Montgomery, Ala.

David E. Wilson is vice-president and treasurer of the Woodward Iron Company, located at Woodward, Ala.

1894

Samuel A. Redding is president of the Sales and Service Machinery Company, Atlanta, Ga.

1895

William C. McMillan gives his present address as Talladega, Ala.

Ex-1896

J. D. Martin, a prominent cotton buyer of Eufaula, was in Auburn recently to enter his son, J. D. Martin, Jr., in the freshman class.

1897

Gaston J. Greil is a physician specializing in children's diseases in Montgomery, Ala. His address is 314 E. Fairview Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

John B. Hobdy is director of vocational education in Alabama, with the State Board of Education located in Montgomery, Ala. In addition to his B. S. and M. S. degrees from Auburn, he holds an LL.D., '25, from the University of Alabama.

1898

Judge Francis W. Hare, a prominent lawyer in Monroeville, Ala., was one of the recent visitors on the campus. Speaking before the Rotary club here he stated that people in his section were greatly pleased with the present prospects at Auburn and that they had full confidence in the competent leadership of President Bradford Knapp.

1898

George O. Dickey is a lawyer of the firm, Hybart, Hara and Dickey, located at Evergreen, Ala. In addition to his B. S. degree from Auburn, he holds an LL.B. degree from the University of Alabama.

Absalam Mason Kennedy is a research engineer for the Alabama Power Company located at University, Alabama.

Almuth C. Vandiver is a lawyer located at 535 Fifth Ave., New York City.

1899

George M. Wheeler is a dentist located at 712 Shepherd Building, Montgomery, Alabama. He holds the D. D. S. degree from Vanderbilt in addition to the B. S. degree from Auburn.

E. T. Peddy is a farmer and poultryman at Loachapoka, Ala. He was recently a visitor at Auburn.

1900

John S. Black gives his present address as 357 Lincoln Street, New Britain, Conn. He holds a prominent position with the Corbin Screw Corporation of that city. Mr. Black has a son who finishes high school in 1929.

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agent in Covington county and is at Andalusia, Ala.

John Winfield Williams is manager of the Clement Hotel at Opelika, Ala.

1915

Harry Harper Wooldridge is engaged in farming at Eufaula, Ala.

Alfred Lee Harrell is located at R. F. D. No. 4, LaFayette, Ala., operating a farm there.

Shirley W. Harris is district sales manager for the McWane Cast Iron Pipe Company, Chicago, Ill. He gives his local address as 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago.

Jesse W. Drake is superintendent of the department of heat, light, and water, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Philip N. Sowell is a teacher in the Mobile High School. His local address is 205 S. Joachim St., Mobile.

Millar H. Pearson is state manager for the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau of New York City. His office is in Montgomery, Ala.

J. Willis Campbell is principal of Limestone county High School at Elkmont, Ala.

1916

John T. Belue is county agent for Lawrence county, located at Moulton, Ala.

Harry G. Ferris is assistant agent for The Texas Company, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

James Warren Andrews is assistant secretary of The Farmers Loan & Trust Company of New York. His address is 109 Kensington Road, Bronxville, N. Y.

1917

W. L. Blanton, who graduated with highest honor in '17, is captain of the 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, T. H. He is rendering foreign service in Hawaii. He states that several other Auburn men are stationed there also.

Gordon Worley is a professor in the Sam Houston State Teachers' College, located at Huntsville, Texas.

Geo. R. Bowling is a druggist with the G. E. Collins Drug Co., LaFayette, Ala.

John A. Douglas is an instructor for the Brooklyn Edison Company, Brooklyn, N. Y. His permanent mailing address is 319 McDonald Ave., Mobile, Ala.

Yetta G. Samford is secretary and treasurer of the firm, Clower & Samford Insurance Company, Inc., of Opelika, Ala.

1918

James Tarver French is the steel and iron chemist for the Gulf State Steel located at Alabama City. He gives his local address as Box No. 453, Attalla, Ala.

W. T. "TEDDY" HARRISON PROMINENT EDUCATOR IN ALABAMA



W. T. HARRISON, '27

One of Auburn's sons who is achieving marked success in the field of education is Prof. W. T. "Teddy" Harrison, '27, superintendent of schools at Shawmut, Alabama. Prof. Harrison was elected First Vice-President of the Alabama Educational Association this year and has held his present position since 1921.

He was formerly superintendent of schools at Yatesville, Georgia, where his successful work attracted the attention of the Shawmut citizens. At one time, Prof. Harrison represented the 25th senatorial district in the Georgia State Senate. He is regarded as one of the outstanding educators in Alabama and Georgia.

Prof. Harrison is one of the charter members of the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter of the Auburn Alumni Association and is prominent and enthusiastic in all the programs of this chapter.

Last summer Prof. Harrison was appointed to head the Alabama delegation to the annual convention of the National Education Association at Minneapolis, Minn., which opened July 1.

The national committee on education, composed of one man from each state, directs the affairs of the National Education Association. As chairman of the Alabama delegation, Prof. Harrison became a member of the national committee.

This was a distinct honor and a deserved recognition of the abilities and personality of Mr. Harrison.

John B. Snider is assistant manager of the Grand Theatre of Bessemer, Ala.

Roy H. Herron is a veterinarian located at Bainbridge, Ga. His local address is P. O. Box No. 152.

1919

John B. Wilson is an agricultural engineer for the Alabama Extension Service with headquarters at Auburn, Ala.

1920

Jake Boyd is county engineer for Palm Beach county, Florida, and is located at West Palm Beach, Fla. During his senior year in Auburn, he won the sabre awarded the captain of the best drilled company. Mail can reach him addressed to P. O. Box No. 3636.

William James Samford is a lawyer of the firm, Samford & Samford, Opelika, Ala. In addition to his B. S. degree from Auburn he holds an LL.B. degree received in 1926 from Harvard University.

Francis Seaborn Stubbs owns half interest in the establishment, Stubbs & Stubbs, located at Douglas, Ga.

Gilmore Clark Williams is teaching vocational agriculture in the Federal State and County School at Arab, Ala.

1921

John P. Creel is athletic director and principal of the high school at Mignon Mill, Sylacauga, Ala.

Sam Clarence Cook is operating a farm at Camden, Ala.

Joe Morris Acker is manager of the Beaumont Coca-Cola Bottling Company, located at Beaumont, Texas. His local address is 411 S. 2nd St., Gadsden, Ala.

Angelo Otto Festorazzi is an engineer for the C. A. Dunham Company, Atlanta, Ga. He gives his local address as 407 Government St., Mobile, Ala.

A. D. Roberts is superintendent of schools at Wiley, Colorado. In addition to holding the B. S. in agricultural education from Auburn, he has received the B. S. in 1924 and M. S. in 1927 from the Colorado State College.

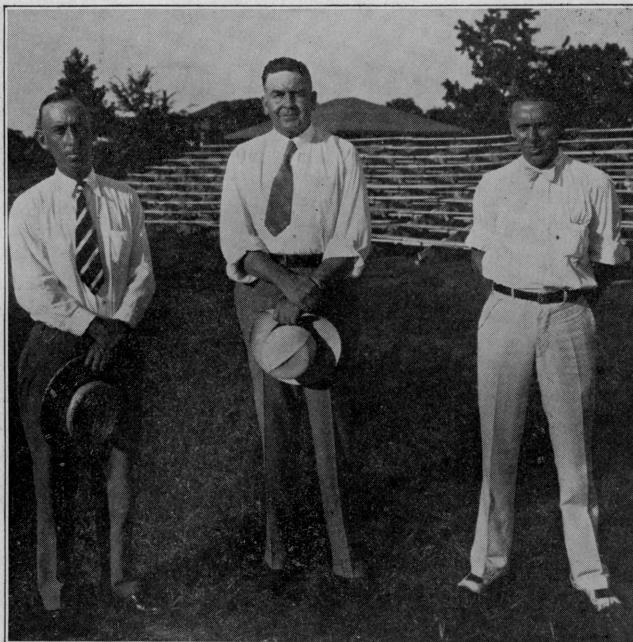
Dickson W. Robertson is living at 3213 Palmire Avenue and coaching in Tampa Junior High Schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

W. B. Clayton is manager of the central station depot for the Central Electric Company, Dallas, Texas.

W. T. Coker is county agent located at Sylacauga, Ala.

C. D. Greentree gives his present address as follows: Care of C. H. C. Greentree, Standard International Securities Corporation, 34 Pine St., New York.



PROMINENT COLUMBUS, GA., ALUMNI VISIT AUBURN TO WATCH FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Left to right, Josiah Flournoy, '05; John Illges, '00; Charlie Dudley, '23. Our photographer found these gentlemen out on Drake Field looking over the football maneuvers during the first week of practice.

1921

Emmett Sizemore, who for several years has been connected with the extension service at Auburn, is now with the Alabama Farm Bureau at Montgomery. While in Auburn Mr. Sizemore filled a number of prominent civic positions including the presidency of the local Lions Club. The sports writing of Tiger activities which he did before going to Montgomery is being missed this year at Auburn.

1922

Arch B. Dunwody is salesman for the Austin Bros. Bridge Company located in Atlanta, Ga. He gives his local address as 1068 East Clifton Road, Atlanta, Ga.

William John Lasseter holds a position with the Ashville Paving Company, Ashville, N. C.

Jack H. Bowen is assistant to the general superintendent of railways, El Paso Electric Co., El Paso, Tex.

C. S. Keller has been serving as principal of the Pike Road High School, Pike Road, Ala.

John C. Slone is engaged in the banking business with the Merchants & Planters Bank, Montevallo, Ala.

1923

Oren Johnson has entered the field of dentistry. He graduated in May from the Atlanta Dental College. His address is 1043 Juniper St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

L. L. Williams of Rutledge, Ala., who taught vocational agriculture in

Alabama for four years, has just returned from Cornell University where he received his master's degree on June 18, 1928. He specialized in entomology, using as the subject of his thesis, "The Biology and Control of the Harlequin Cabbage Bug." Mr. Williams drove through the country, stopping in New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Va., and other places. He came by the "village" and paid his alma mater a visit.

Charles T.

Dudley is with the Dudley Sash, Door and Lumber Company, located at Columbus, Ga. His local address is P. O. Box 486.

H. G. Williams is district superintendent for the Alabama Power company, located at Anniston, Ala.

C. R. Wood is teaching vocational agriculture at Belgreen, Ala.

Zach Savage has been teaching and coaching athletics at the Southern Industrial Institute at Camp Hill, Ala., since his graduation here. He still holds this position.

James L. Lawson is county agent for Hale county and is located at Greensboro.

Florence Tims has been teaching in the Montgomery schools during the last year. Her local address is 215 Hull, Montgomery, Ala.

1924

W. H. Sewell, '24, and a graduate of the Naval Academy, is now teaching in the Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va.

T. J. Sellers has been teaching school at Langdale, Ala.

R. B. Whitaker gives his present address as Paint Rock, Ala.

1925

Milton M. Collins, who upon graduation went to the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., is now a salesman for that company at 112 Cass Street, Tampa, Fla.

M. V. White gives his present ad-

dress as 303 C. Street, S. E., Ardmore, Oklahoma. He attended the second term of the summer school at Auburn.

Sidney Dean Peterson is athletic director for Central High School, at Chattanooga, Tenn. His local address is 1703 Oak Street.

Allen Raymond Trammell is operating a farm at Comer, Alabama.

Jas. W. Milner has been teaching in the vocational agricultural school at Albertville, Ala.

George Kilgore was principal of the high school at Dora, Alabama, during the past year.

Ernest Samples Killgore is a salesman for the Syx-Moxley Realty Company, Ensley, Ala. His local address is 1914 Avenue "A."

James Edward Bedell has been teaching and coaching at Marion, Ala., for the past year.

Ben W. Creel is a meat inspector for the Board of Health at Mobile, Ala.

1926

Gerald D. Salter, M. S., '26, who is now principal of the high school at Shawmut, Ala., was a recent visitor on the campus. He brought a prospective freshman from his school to show him around the college.

Mr. Salter has just returned from a European tour and reports having spent a delightful summer.

Turner Ivey, who is now in the lumber business at Monroeville, was a visitor in Auburn on July 3rd. He expressed his delight at the marked improvements shown in Auburn within the short time since he was here.

Edward Emmett McCall holds a position in the sales department of the Alabama Pipe Company, Anniston, Ala. His address is 625 East 6th St.

M. B. Smith has been teaching in the vocational agricultural school at Glencoe, Ala.

1927

Louis O. Brackeen became director of information for the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation on July 1. He edits the Farm Bureau publication and represents the organization with the press. For the past several months he has been with the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation in Atlanta, Ga.

C. W. Haynie holds a position with Stone & Webster, Boston, Mass. He came by Auburn during the week of June 27 while on his vacation.

Alumni homecoming day, Saturday, October 6. There will be a football game with Clemson College.

Carney W. Hughes taught for the past year at Brundidge, Ala.

S. H. Lynne has been studying law at the University of Alabama for the past year. His present address is 720 Ferry St., Decatur, Ala.

John Robert Sudduth has been teaching in the high school at Milltown, Ala.

Jas. David Matthews, teaching Vocational Agriculture at Dozier, Ala., was a recent visitor on the campus. "Jim" is a Jackson county, Ala., orphan, who has fought his way to a worthy education and work.

Walter Hugh Purser, of Searight, Ala., has been visiting in Auburn. Mr. Purser is teaching Vocational Agriculture at Searight.

1928

V. A. Bates is with the Alabama Highway Department and is stationed at Auburn, Ala.

A. N. Beck is with H. H. Houk, Bridge Engineer, in Montgomery, Ala.

Glenn Myrick Coleman is an electrical engineer with Birmingham Electric Company in Birmingham.

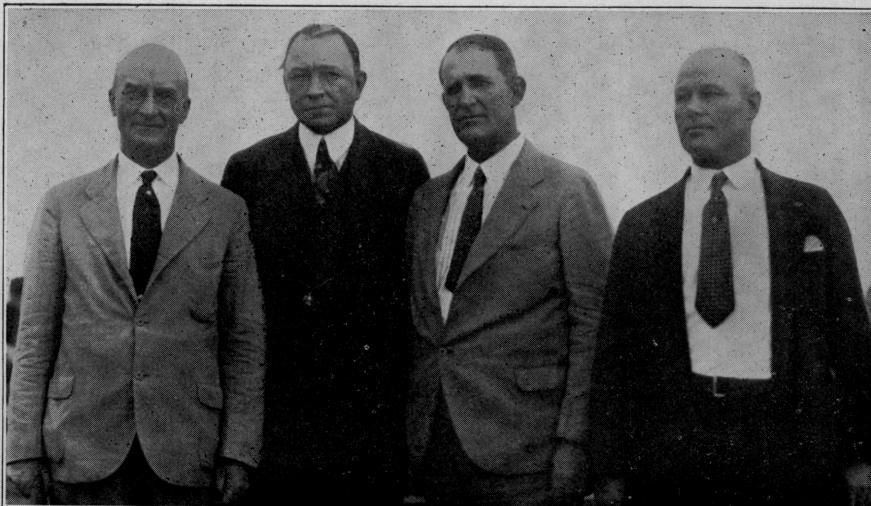
Garth Gilchrist, Jr., played professional baseball with the Nashville baseball team in Nashville, Tenn., during the past summer.

J. D. Rumph is connected with the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, in Newport News, Virginia.

P. A. Stephens is doing work with the State Health Department in Montgomery, Ala.

H. P. Jones is now living in Birmingham and is connected with the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Alumni homecoming, Saturday, October 6. There will be a game with Clemson College in the afternoon.



DR. KNAPP AND THREE VETERAN TIGERS

Dr. Knapp (left) was a prominent tackle on Vanderbilt's football team during the years of 1889, '90 and '91. His last year he was manager of the team. The next gentleman is Jerry Gwin, one of Auburn's most famous tackles for four years, 1900-'04. Mr. Gwin's home is in Birmingham. Next is J. V. Brown, your alumni secretary, who played the positions of center, guard and tackle in 1893, '94, and '95, serving as captain of the team his last year. The last in the picture is George (Doc) Penton, now in the drug business in Montgomery, Alabama. He was one of Auburn's greatest fullbacks, having played during the years of 1905, '06, '08, and '09.

his bride left for a wedding trip. They will make their home in Birmingham.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Henderson, is a graduate of Lanier High School. She afterwards attended the University of Alabama, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She received her A. B. degree at Florida State College, Tallahassee.

Mr. Harman is the second son of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Harman. He is a graduate of Auburn and a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He has made his home in Birmingham for the past few years, where he is a chemical engineer.

PATTERSON-LAMAR

A beautiful wedding took place on Saturday, September 1, at 4 o'clock, when Miss Mildred Lamar was quietly married to Dr. Frederick Davis Patterson, Jr., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lamar, on College street. Dr. E. D. Burnsworth, pastor of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony, using the ring service. Only a few close relatives and intimate friends were present.

Mrs. William Askew, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Tidmore on the piano, played "Love's Old Sweet Song." Members of the bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march.

Miss Alma Virginia Lamar, sister of the bride was the maid of honor. R. A. Patterson, of Cuthbert, Ga., brother of the groom, acted as best man.

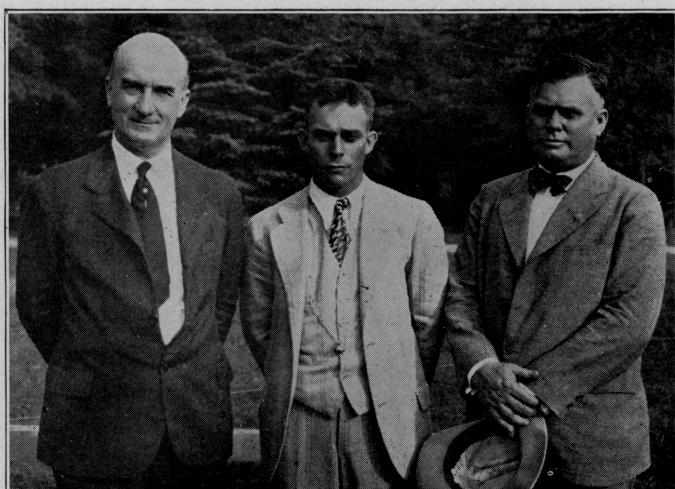
Dr. Patterson received his D. V. M. degree from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, in 1921 having been a member of the Auburn faculty ever since. The bride is likewise a

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

1925

Outstanding in interest was the wedding of Miss Louise Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grey Henderson, and Arthur Fort Harman, Jr., '25, which took place Saturday evening, June 30, at 7 o'clock, at Court Street Methodist Church, Montgomery.

Following the ceremony on Saturday evening, Mr. Harman and



BIRMINGHAM MAYOR'S SON ENTERS AUBURN

President Knapp is shown here with Mayor Jimmie Jones of Birmingham and his son, Marion, (center) who entered the Sophomore class at Auburn this fall.

graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, receiving her B. S. degree in 1925.

For the coming year, Dr. and Mrs. Patterson will make their home in Ames, Iowa, where the groom will do graduate study at the Iowa State College. Later they will return to Auburn and Dr. Patterson will assume actively his duties as assistant professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

1922

DOWELL-LEONARD—William Burton Dowell, son of Dr. Spright Dowell, former president of Auburn and graduate of 1922, was married on Tuesday, the 26th of June at the Baptist church of Ramseur, N. C., to Miss Gladys Leonard.

1925

HARMAN-HENDERSON—Mr. and Mrs. William Gray Henderson announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise, to Arthur Fort Harman, Jr., of Birmingham, formerly of Montgomery, the wedding having taken place in June.

GLASS-MILLER—Mrs. W. G. Miller of Robertsdale, announces the marriage of her daughter, Gladys Augusta, to James Malcolm Glass of Greenville. The wedding was an event of June.

1926

THOMAS-DOWDELL—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dowdell of Auburn announce the marriage of their daughter, Sudie Laura, to Foster Edward Thomas of Birmingham. The wedding took place on June 2, 1928.

BURNS-ISBELL—Mr. and Mrs. James Sterling Burns, of Monroeville, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Thelma Mavis to R. G. Isbell, of Gadsden, the wedding was solemnized on August 8th.

1927.

DUMAS-ALLEN—Mrs. Abner Allen of Opelika, Ala., announces the engagement of her daughter, Mattie Mae, to Robert Tipton Dumas of Mobile, Ala. Miss Allen is a graduate of '27, having taught since graduation in the high school of Birmingham. The wedding was solemnized on June 28.

BIRTHS

1911

Dr. and Mrs. Gus. M. Hall of Tensaw, Ala., announce the arrival of Daniel Dillon on June 21, 1928, at Union Springs, Ala.

1926

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pruett, a daughter, named Gueenelle, on July 20th at Union Springs, Ala. Mr. Pruett is teaching and coaching at Opelika.

IN MEMORIAM

C. M. FLOYD

Funeral service for C. M. Floyd, fifty-nine, well known citizen of Auburn who died in Birmingham Friday morning, August 31, took place at his home here at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by burial in the Auburn cemetery. Dr. J. R. Edwards, pastor of the Auburn Baptist church of which the deceased was a member, conducted the funeral service.

The deceased had spent most of his life in Auburn, being connected with the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and serving also as county agent for Lee County. He leaves his wife and eight children. They are Grady Floyd, Heard Floyd, Mrs. J. W. Moore and Mrs. Vernon Douglas all of Birmingham; Ewell Floyd of Atlanta; and Elizabeth, Eloise and Walter Floyd of Auburn. Four brothers and two sisters survive. They are Dr. M. T. Floyd, Valley Head, Alabama; Clay and Marvin of Opelika; Tallie Floyd, mayor of Demopolis; Mrs. Walter Cullars of Mississippi and Mrs. McGee of Birmingham.

CHARLES R. LAMAR Ex '75

Funeral services for Rev. Charles Rushton Lamar, 74, super-annuated Methodist minister, who was fatally injured at noon Saturday, June 9, when struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Walter Lobman, of Park Place, Cloverdale, were held Tuesday, June 12, at the Court Street Methodist church in Montgomery. The body was sent to Auburn for interment.

Rev. Lamar was struck when he stepped from behind a truck parked at the curb of Finley avenue and Hull street prior to boarding a trolley car. Mrs. Lobman was driving north on Hull street. She made every effort to avoid striking Rev. Lamar, she said.

He was taken to the Memorial hospital and died at midnight of a fractured skull.

Rev. Lamar was a member of a prominent family. He was a grandson of the late James Glenn, founder of Glenville, and of Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the republic of Texas before its admission into the union. His brother was the late William H. Lamar, assistant United States attorney general.

He was born in Auburn and acquired his early education here. After his entrance to the ministry, he

was admitted to the Texas conference and later to the Alabama conference.

During his period of retirement, Rev. Lamar devoted much time in compiling histories of the Grant, Allen, Jackson and Lamar families and was associated with the department of archives and history.

Keep the Alumnus on your mailing list and give us any information that would interest Auburn men. This would include outstanding achievements, honors, changes of address, news of marriages, births or deaths among the alumni everywhere.

AUBURN'S DEVELOPMENT

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the institution new facilities and new experiment stations for our work. We hope to make them centers of optimistic and constructive effort for Alabama.

But above all, an institution can render its greatest service to the state in sending out young men of character, of moral worth as well as skill of hand and brain. Our education must give refinement, vigor, strength of body and mind, culture, dependability. These can be given in a well-rounded education but with special direction toward a real calling in life. I like to think of our graduates as red-blooded Americans, secure in our country's faith, devoted to its ideals, ready for its service, thinkers and doers.

Status of Athletics

ATHLETIC sports are a part of our American college life. Intercollegiate athletics can degenerate into a mere commercial scramble but again they can be a great inspiration and a real training in loyalty, spirit, devotion, team work, unselfishness. I believe strongly in the college controlling the athletics and not the athletics controlling the college. I believe that a real team can be made out of fellows who honestly pass their subjects in college and who come out really educated but with the additional advantage of experience in quick decision, instant action, team work, command and self-control which are invaluable. Athletic sports ought to train one to be a "good sport," a fair, square, honorable, considerate man, who loves to win but scorns to win dishonestly. I believe in these things and I am sure we can win by such a program. May I not ask the help of faculty, alumni and students to work toward this end? I know that the coaches believe in it and that together it can be done.

And, finally, education and college life are on trial. I am sure their value is great unless the side issues, the side shows, the things not of the college but an accompaniment of its life, shall thwart the real purpose. Unless men are turned out of college better men, better thinkers, with better self-control, better cultured and better trained it would seem that college life could not claim much. College men ought to think honestly and deal justly, obey the law of their country and hold a standard far above those whose opportunity and training in life has been on a lower level. So we need to set a standard of life at Auburn which will meet every test. If her sons are to take their places in the affairs of the state and the nation they must be prepared by culture, high ideals, mature training, character and dependability to merit the places they aspire to obtain. Any less standard is unthinkable. No organization has any reason for existing on the campus or among students which may interfere with this objective. Faculty must set the example, alumni must help, and together we can set a standard of college life at Auburn above the tongue of criticism and merit the regard of the entire state.

New pavement, new walks, new buildings, new visions, new enthusiasm, but that rare old spirit known as "Auburn." It is all here. Will you help in the great enterprise?

AUBURN'S EXPANSION

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as the Plainsman, Glomerata and others; larger meeting rooms where literary societies, honor societies and others could hold their meetings; great social rooms, offices for the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and probably a small kitchen and dining room where banquets might be served. In it I would put offices for the Secretary of the Alumni Association and make it particularly a rallying point for alumni and former students who come to Auburn. Such a building would add much to the social advantage of the student body, would help definitely to furnish some place beside a common pool room on the street of Auburn as a loafing place between classes and in the evening. It is one of the greatest needs of this institution.

4. A College Hospital for the care of the health of the student body. I believe that a very fine small hospital could be built and equipped for \$50,000 to \$75,000. It

is sorely needed. Much lost time and danger to the health of the student body could be saved with such a building. In cases of outbreaks of contagion, injury, severe colds, etc., students ought not to remain in their rooms and they cannot be sent home or to a distant hospital without inconvenience and extra cost to them and their parents. I know of no more appealing need than this one for the care of the health and the protection of the very lives of Auburn students.

5. A great Outdoor Swimming Pool, probably in the valley between the Main campus and Comer Hall, 120 to 180 feet long and 60 to 80 feet wide with adequate dressing rooms fully protected, shrubbery surrounding it and every accessory for making it a spot of beauty and yet a fine, well-directed sport and health center.

6. An Outdoor Theatre like McIntyre Outdoor Theatre at the University of Virginia. I do not know what the cost of such a Theatre would be but I am sure it would not be impossible.

7. The establishing of a definite and more business-like Student Loan Fund of at least \$50,000.00, not given as scholarships; not given as inducements to keep a man in school, but a straight, business proposition for the purpose of helping students who are in part self-sustaining to finance themselves through college. Such a loan fund would serve many a boy and help him on his way. I am sure that a sufficiently square fine business proposition can be created so that the loss from making such loans will be entirely negligible. Under proper direction and with proper choosing such a loan fund would be a great contribution to the institution.

8. Either statues or portraits of former presidents and distinguished alumni of the institution to be preserved as a matter of historical record and pride in the history of Auburn.

I wish we might persuade friends of the institution to take up some of these fine, useful and attractive needs of Auburn.

Very truly yours,
BRADFORD KNAPP,
President.

Are you sure the alumni office has your correct address? If not, send it in. A complete file of all Auburn men is being compiled. Within the near future we hope to publish an up-to-date, complete alumni register.

Greater Auburn Is Trustees' Assurance

AGREATER AUBURN, built around the expansion plans of Dr. Bradford Knapp, president, has been assured through approval by the board of trustees and preparations were started immediately for a new chemistry building, an auditorium, an administration building and a textile engineering plant. The entire program, to be completed within the next three years, will cost \$750,000.

The trustee board, in addition to authorizing Dr. Knapp to start his program with the chemistry building, also approved the purchase of private property adjoining the college campus to provide sites for the new building.

The chemistry building, first on the program, is to be ready for use when the school opens in September, 1929, according to the present plans.

Radio Move Approved

With the building of a greater university around the Auburn campus having been assured, final plans for the installation and operation of the powerful radio broadcasting station in Birmingham were proposed by Dr. Knapp and approved by the trustees.

Orders for the equipment were placed immediately and the station is expected to be broadcasting the message of Auburn and the state by November. The station now in operation here will be sold. The new station will be installed by the extension division of the school and operated in cooperation with the City of Birmingham.

Olmsted Brothers, landscape engineers of Boston, were approved for perfecting plans for buildings and grounds, their work to include types of architecture, locations, walks, drives and shrubbery.

Other expansion plans for Auburn call for improvement of the sewage disposal system both for the college and the town of Auburn. Dr. Knapp was authorized to ask the State Department of Health to cooperate in surveys and plans, the work to be done jointly by the college and town.

MISCELLANEOUS

W. B. Saunders gives his present address as Greenwood, Miss.

Prof. A. S. Scott, principal of the Pickens County High School, of Reform, has tendered his resignation to the county board to accept the principalship of the Fayette County High at Fayette, Ala.

PIONEER DAYS OF THE THEATER IN ALABAMA

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pride in making a show of its appreciation of dramatic art. Besides, when Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and other plays of recognized literary value were on the program, even people suspicious of the morality of the playhouses went. Likewise when less significant plays were presented like *The Gambler's Fate*, which showed the penalties of sin, these tenderfoot spectators could also be counted upon. More important perhaps was the dearth of intellectual and artistic entertainment or mere amusement in the frontier, which made an occasional season of theatrical diversion very attractive. But, it must be remembered, the theater made a wide appeal. The halo of unsanctity associated with players and theaters could be counted upon to bring out a fair proportion of the village rowdies, of whom frontier towns had a noticeable share. With pantomimes, spectacles, farces, musical and otherwise, singing, in addition to the usual comedies and tragedies, the play-house appealed at one time or another to nearly all members of the community.

BUT actor-managers in those days were quite as shrewd in manipulating crowd psychology as they are today. Sol Smith showed this ability over and over again. For instance, on May 20, 1832, his company crossed from Alabama into Georgia at Columbus. He was on his way to Milledgeville and another legislature.

"When do you open?" he was asked.

"Next Thursday," was his reply.

"Where?"

"In the New Theater."

As there was no theater in Columbus, his reply was somewhat puzzling. However by Thursday, the appointed time, a log-theater was ready and the applause of Georgians shook timbers that had swayed in the winds four days before.

Another Columbus incident showed his ingenuity. *Pizarro* was to be given. Why not produce this tragedy with real Indians as the Peruvian army? Indians could be seen on the streets of Columbus at nearly any time. So Smith engaged twenty-four Creek warriors at fifty cents each and a glass of whiskey, stipulating that they should furnish tomahawks, bows and arrows. He made one mistake; he paid the whiskey in advance.

At the beginning of the second act, the Indian "supes" were marched into the theater behind the scenes. Not waiting for their cue, they responded with yells whenever the audience

cheered or the actors hailed the chief. When Sol Smith entered as High Priest, with six virgins, chanting a hymn to the sun, the exhilarated Greeks joined in with a low and mournful humming which grew louder and louder until it drowned the actors chorus. The Creek war-song and dance was on. The actresses fled in dismay. Smith and the actors, hoping to conclude the scene at an opportune moment, joined in the dancing until saturated with perspiration, tired almost beyond endurance, and considerably worried they rang down the curtain in despair. The Indians, however, kept this extraordinary feat going half an hour, demolished the altar, burned up the sun, and scalped the King of Peru by removing his wig, and refused to stop until the ceremony was finished in true Creek style. No such performance of *Pizarro* has ever been seen before or since.

Smith adds, after elaborating the anecdote, that the Indians returned the next evening to assist with *Macbeth*, but that he declined their assistance.

He records also that here began his friendship with Mirabeau B. Lamar, later President of Texas, who our glib-tongued actor says promised to name his first child Sol Smith, but as the first happened to be a girl, the promise had to be broken.

SIMITH continued his strolling through Alabama and Georgia until 1835, when he and Ludlow formed a partnership to manage theaters in Mobile, St. Louis, and later in New Orleans. In some seasons, his company traveling in large road wagons or riding horseback covered as many as five thousand miles. Sometimes the profits exceeded \$4,000 a season; sometimes the manager hardly broke even.

Sol Smith is still remembered as a unique character. Being a good mixer, at ease with senators and judges and a good match for rowdies of the frontier, he won immediately recognition among strangers with his Yankee assurance and his anecdotal gift. Though a bit too proud of his dramatic and literary ability, he loved his art sincerely and believed in its moral and cultural influence. Along with the popular favorites of the day —like *The Hypocrite*, *Pizarro*, *The Stranger*, *The Gambler's Fate*, *The Soldier's Daughter*, *Don Juan*, *A Roland for an Oliver*, *Damon and Pythias*, and many forgotten farces—his repertory included Otway's *Venice Preserved*, Sheridan's *School for Scandal*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Merchant of Venice*, and *Macbeth*, Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*, and many other

plays of unquestioned excellence. Unusually versatile, he acted many parts, comic and serious, though he excelled in the former. He was a successful manager as well as a good actor. He was a musician who had acquired the technique of both the piano and the violin. Moreover he had some medical knowledge and was a lawyer. He even preached a few times, and in spite of many shortcomings he was sincerely religious.

Just as he was a godsend to our pioneer grandfathers as an entertainer, he is also evidence to us of their appreciation of good entertainment, music, acting, and literature. Johnson Jones Hooper, author of *The Adventures of Simon Suggs* and editor of *The Montgomery Mail*, said in an editorial in 1858:

"There are those living who were present at the opening night (Montgomery, Jan. 25, 1830) and who declare that they have never enjoyed a theatrical performance as well before or since. The truth probably is that acting in those days was fully as good, if not better, than that of the present day."

"SHEEP" LAMB DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 13, at the Eutaw Baptist Church for B. J. (Sheep) Lamb, 41, former all-American football star at Auburn, who died suddenly, September 12, at a Montgomery hotel. Burial was in the family cemetery at Eutaw.

Lamb was a member of the firm of Lamb & McLemore, bridge contractors. He was in Montgomery on a business mission at the time of his death. Death was attributed to apoplexy.

He is survived by his wife; two children, Joe, Jr., and Mary Lee, seven brothers and eight sisters.

PROF. HERMAN JONES GOES TO MEXICO

To spend one year as chemist for the Agmel Corporation at Mexico City, Prof. Herman Jones has been given a leave-of-absence from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He has been employed by the Agmel Corporation to conduct a thorough study of the century plant from a chemical standpoint.

Prof. Jones graduated at Auburn in 1924 with a B. S. degree and recently received his M. S. degree from Columbia University, New York City. He spent four years in Auburn as a student prior to graduation, coming here from Dothan.

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